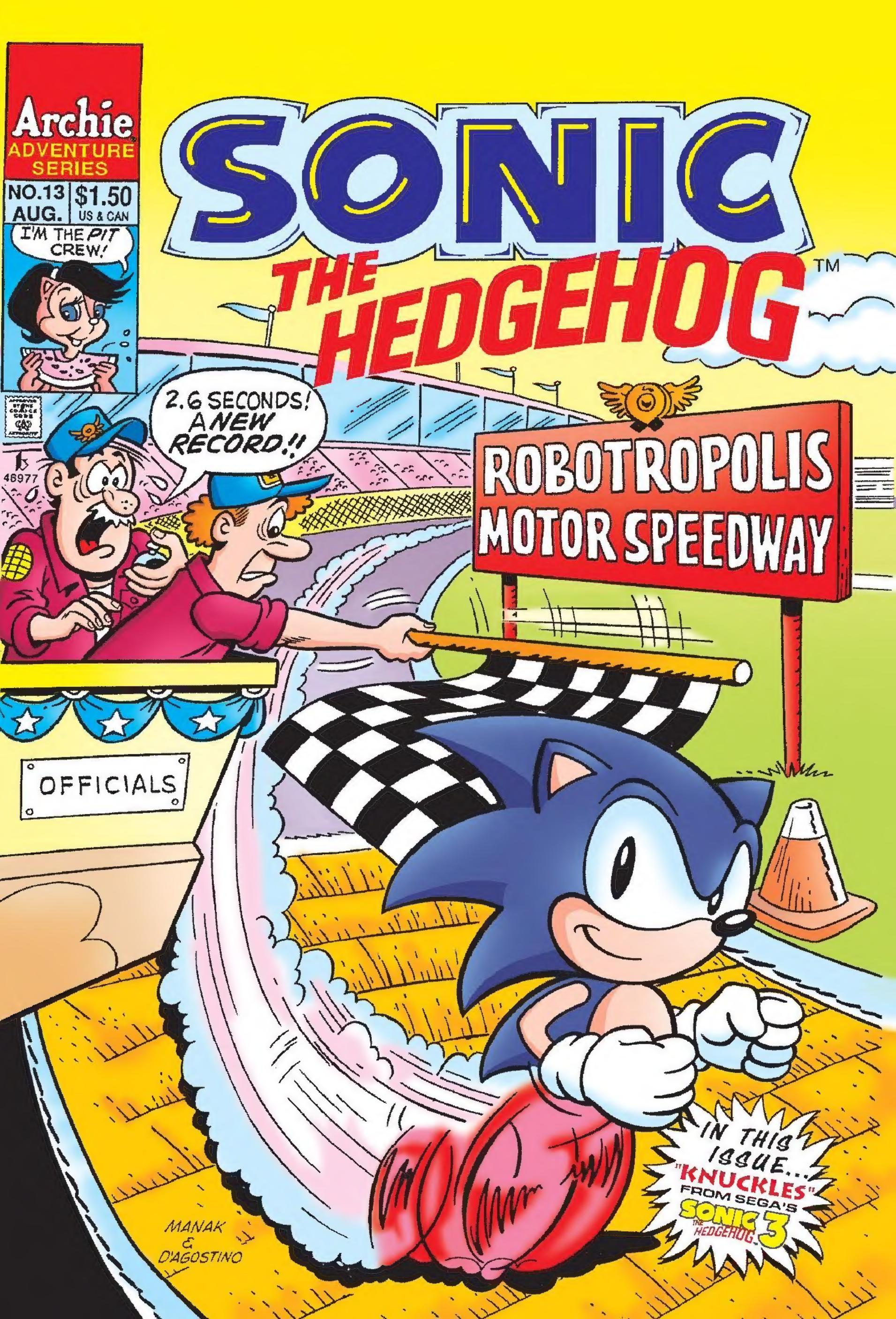
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THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG

PART 1

YOU'RE RIGHT, TAILS! WE FLY OUT LOOKING FOR ROBOTNIK'S HOVERCRAFT--

--AND WE FIND AN *ISLAND IN THE SKY!*

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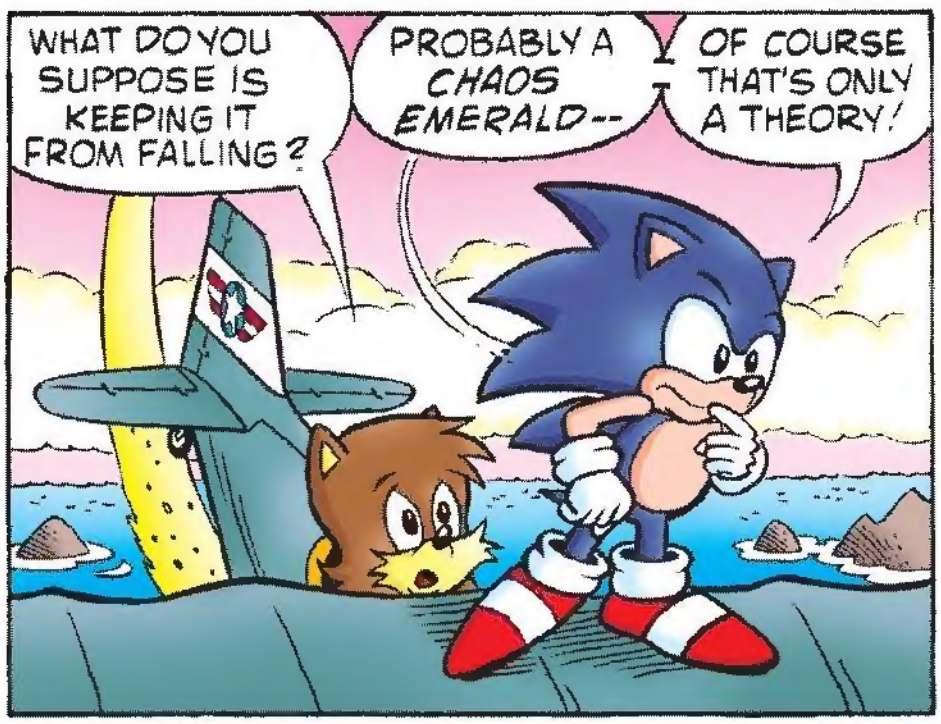
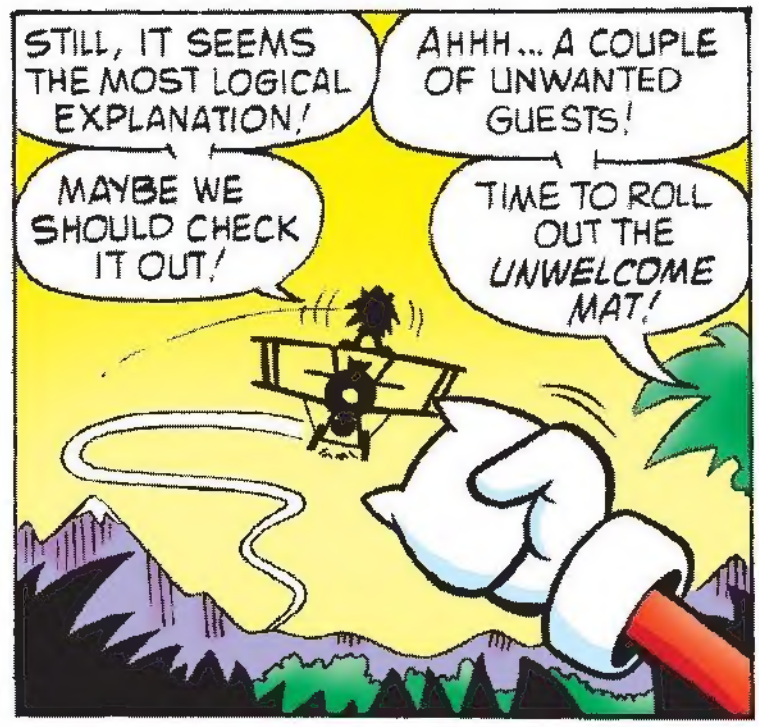
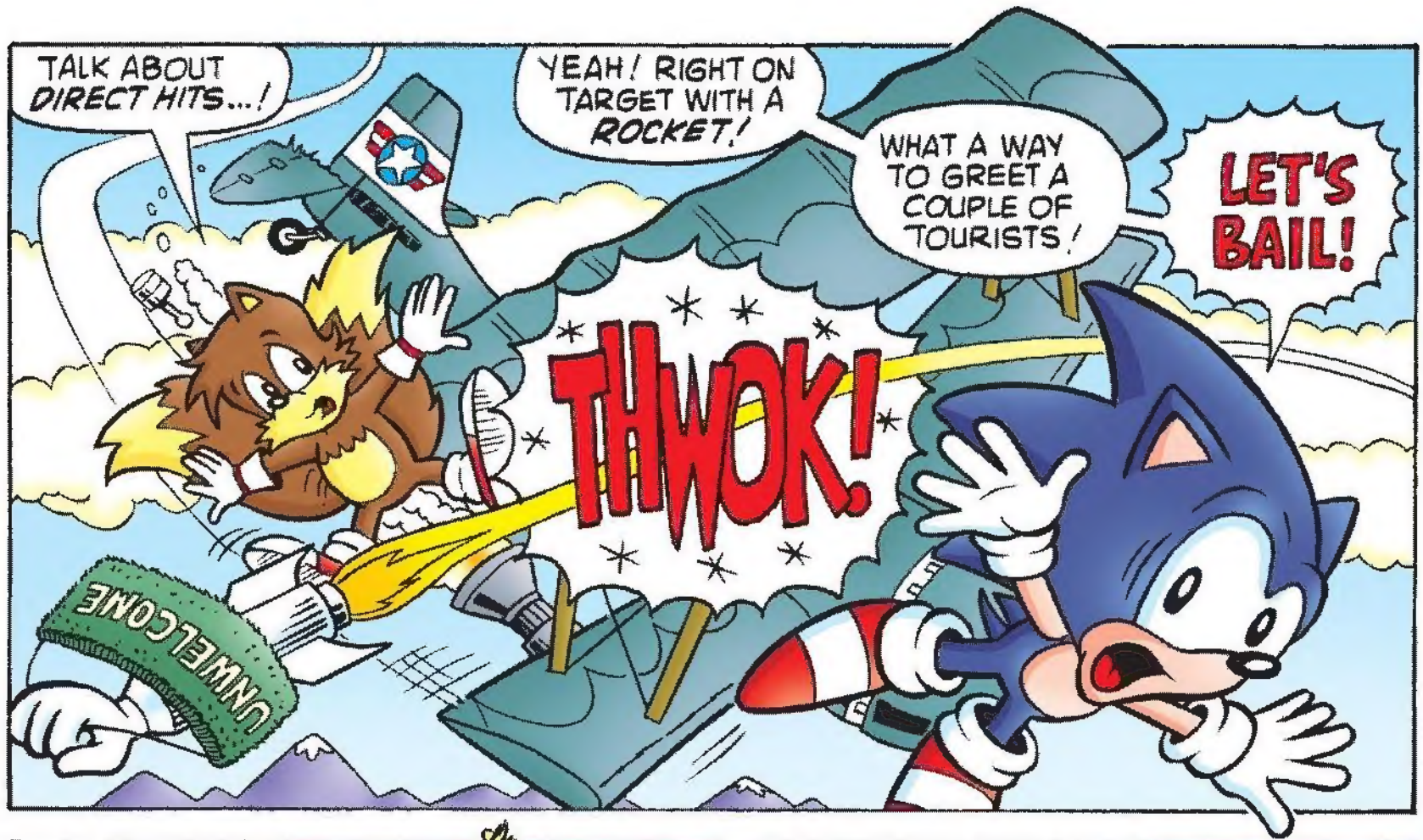
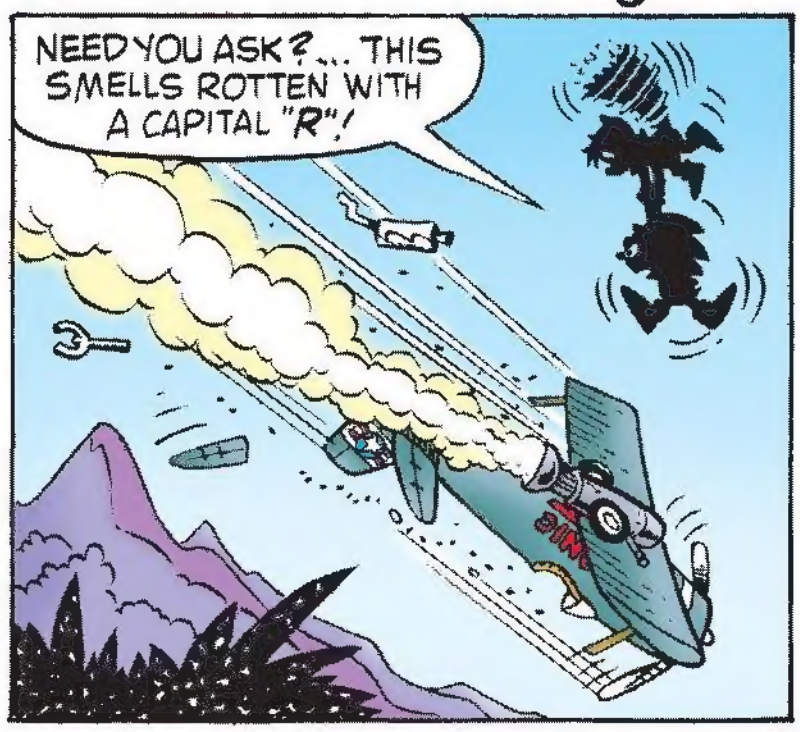
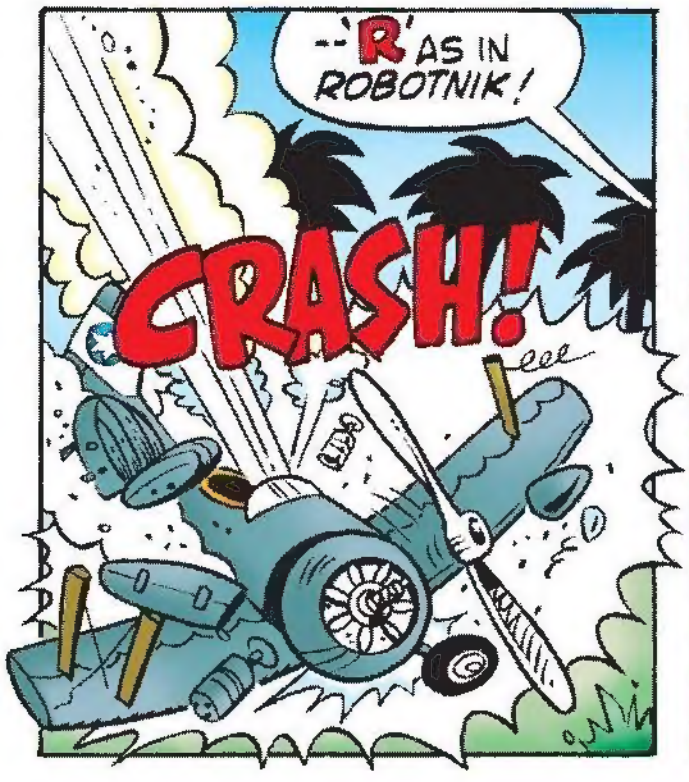


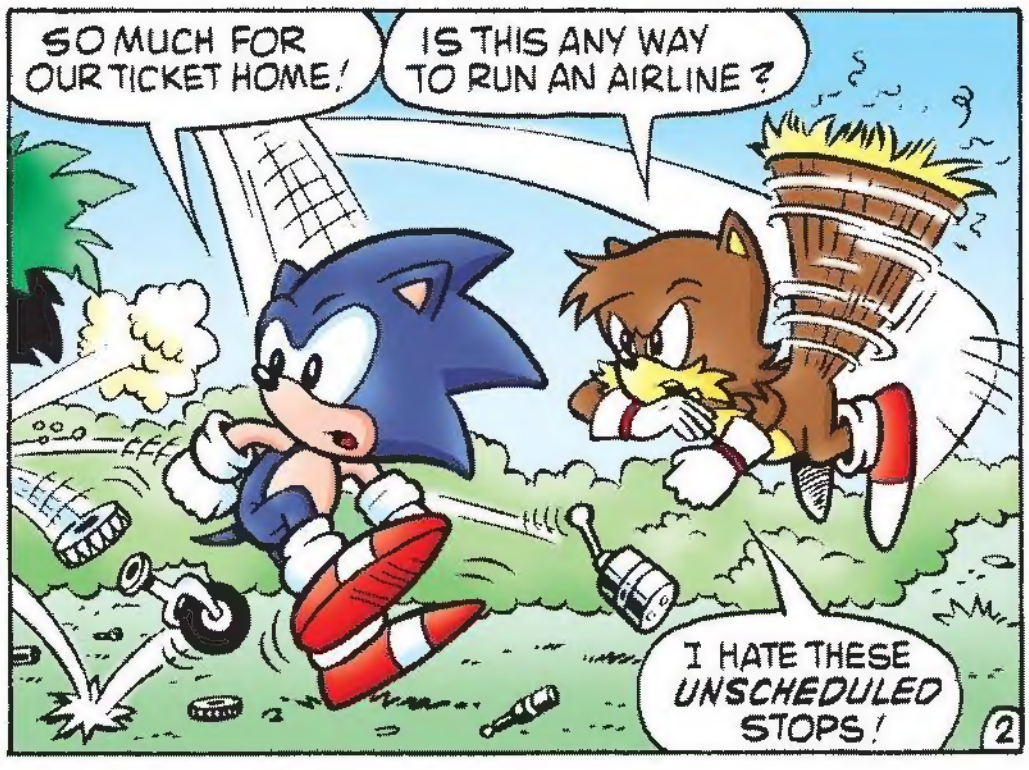


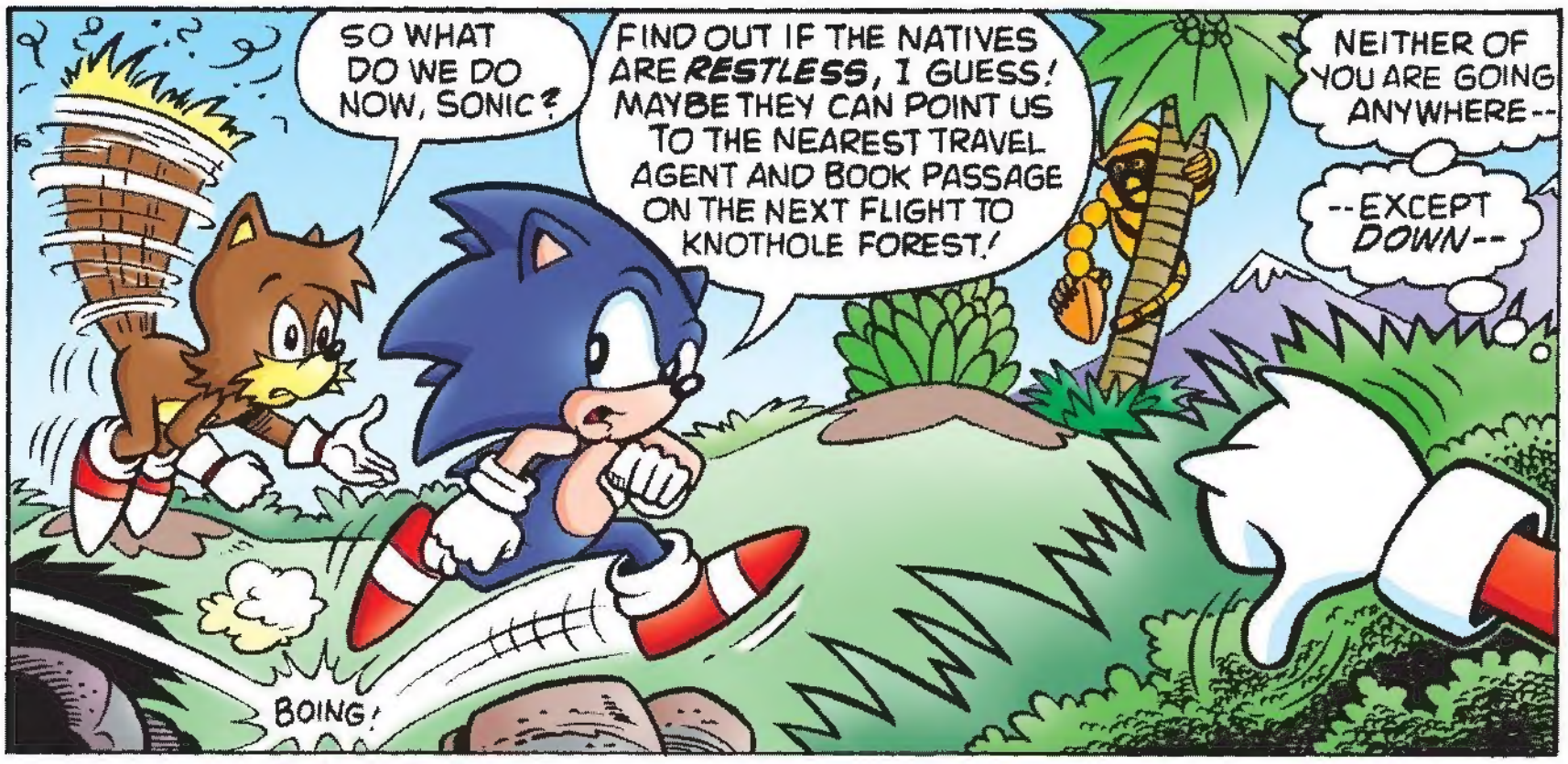

TALK ABOUT DIRECT HITS...!
YEAH! RIGHT ON TARGET WITH A ROCKET!
WHAT A WAY TO GREET A COUPLE OF TOURISTS!
LET'S BAIL!
THWOK!
UNWELCOME

THIS IS "PLANE" CRAZY!
Snatch!
WHO'D WANT TO SHOOT DOWN A COUPLE OF SWELL GUYS LIKE US?

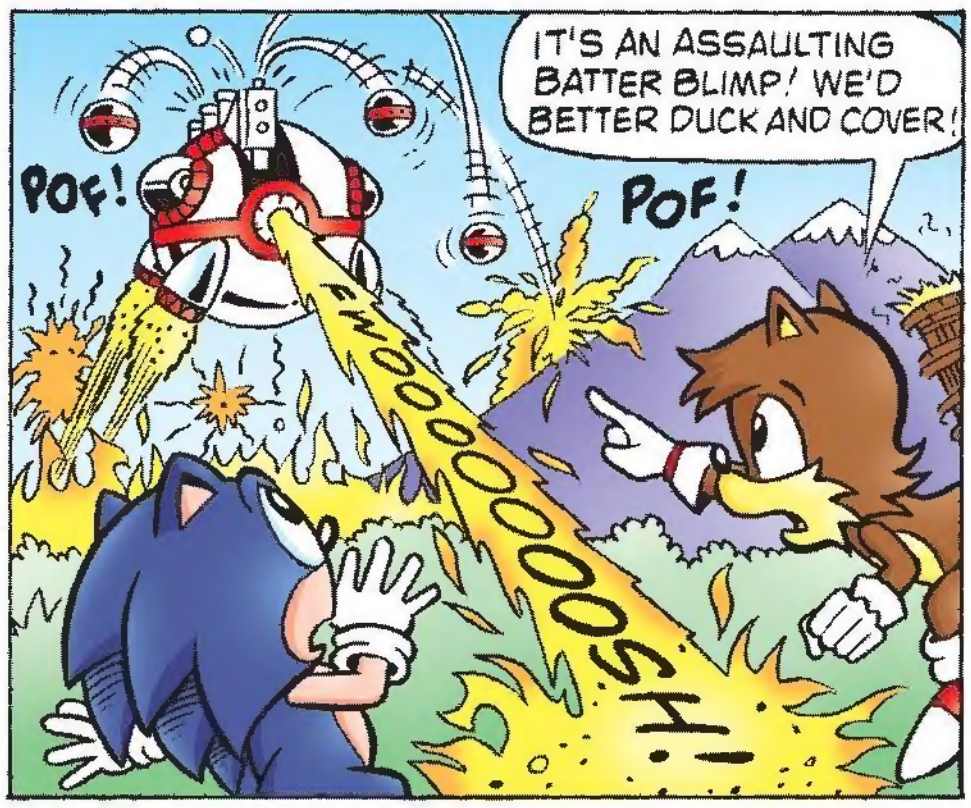

NEED YOU ASK?... THIS SMELLS ROTTEN WITH A CAPITAL "R"!


--'R' AS IN ROBOTNIK!
CRASH!


SO MUCH FOR OUR TICKET HOME!
IS THIS ANY WAY TO RUN AN AIRLINE?
I HATE THESE UNSCHEDULED STOPS!


SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, SONIC?
FIND OUT IF THE NATIVES ARE RESTLESS, I GUESS! MAYBE THEY CAN POINT US TO THE NEAREST TRAVEL AGENT AND BOOK PASSAGE ON THE NEXT FLIGHT TO KNOTHOLE FOREST!
NEITHER OF YOU ARE GOING ANYWHERE--
--EXCEPT DOWN--
BOING!

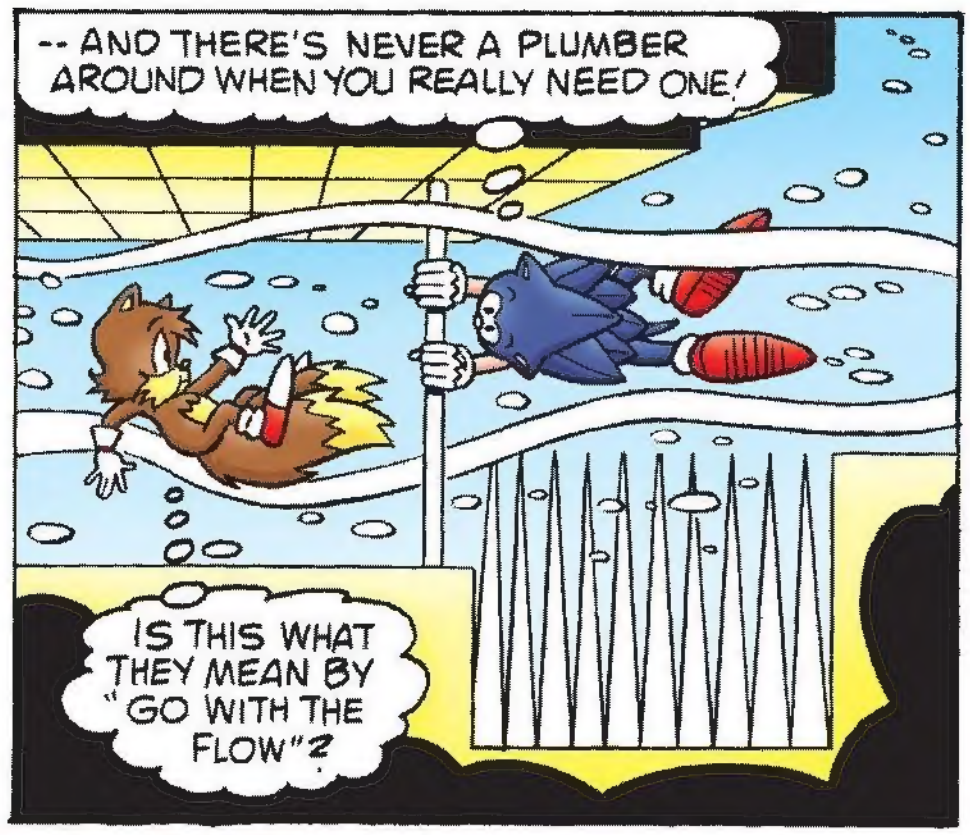
"--AND OUT!"
INCOMING!
FWOOSH!
I'VE HEARD OF WARM RECEPTIONS, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!


IT'S AN ASSAULTING BATTER BLIMP! WE'D BETTER DUCK AND COVER!
POF!
POF!
FWOOOOOOOSH!

HOLY 16-BIT GRAPHICS!
I THINK I'VE JUST BEEN COVERED BY SOME SORT OF ENERGY SHIELD!
SCHOOOUUUMMP!

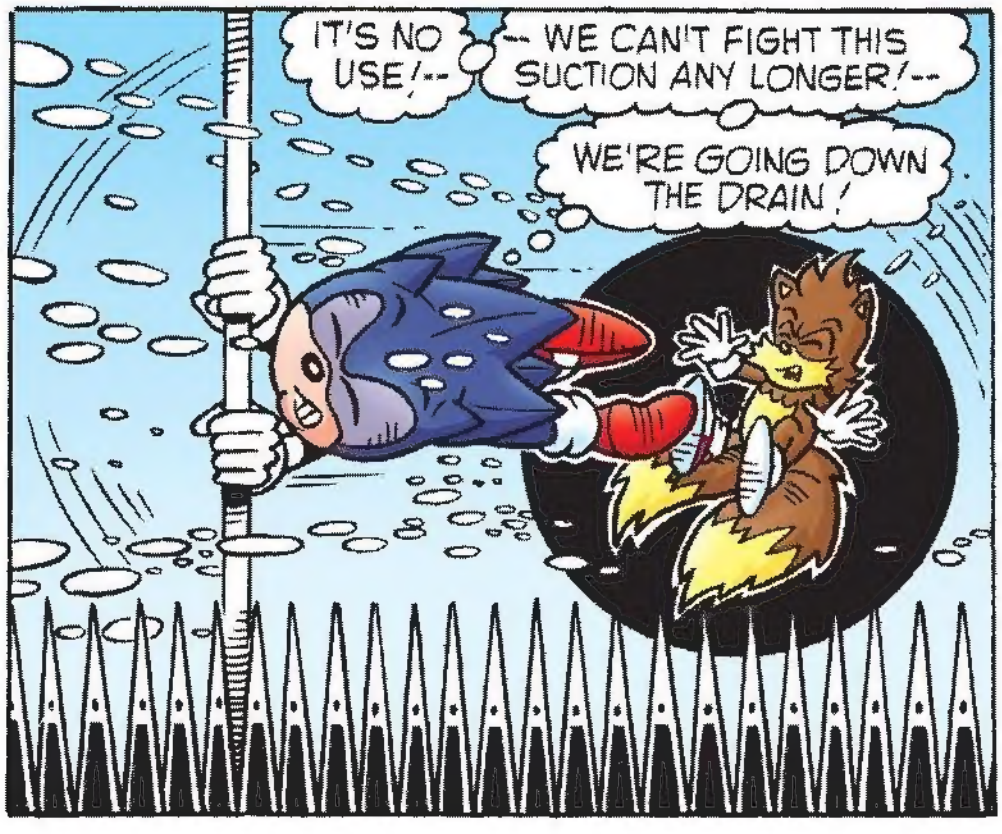
NO TELLING HOW LONG THE EFFECT WILL LAST! BETTER GET OUR FEET WET WHILE WE'RE STILL ABLE! HIT THE DRINK, TAILS!
BUT IT ISN'T EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!

AT THIS RATE WE MAY NEVER SEE SUNDAY MORNING!
MY BRIGHT, SHINY NEW SHIELD'S FIZZLED OUT--
BLUB!
BLUB!
BLUB!


-- AND THERE'S NEVER A PLUMBER AROUND WHEN YOU REALLY NEED ONE!
IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "GO WITH THE FLOW"?

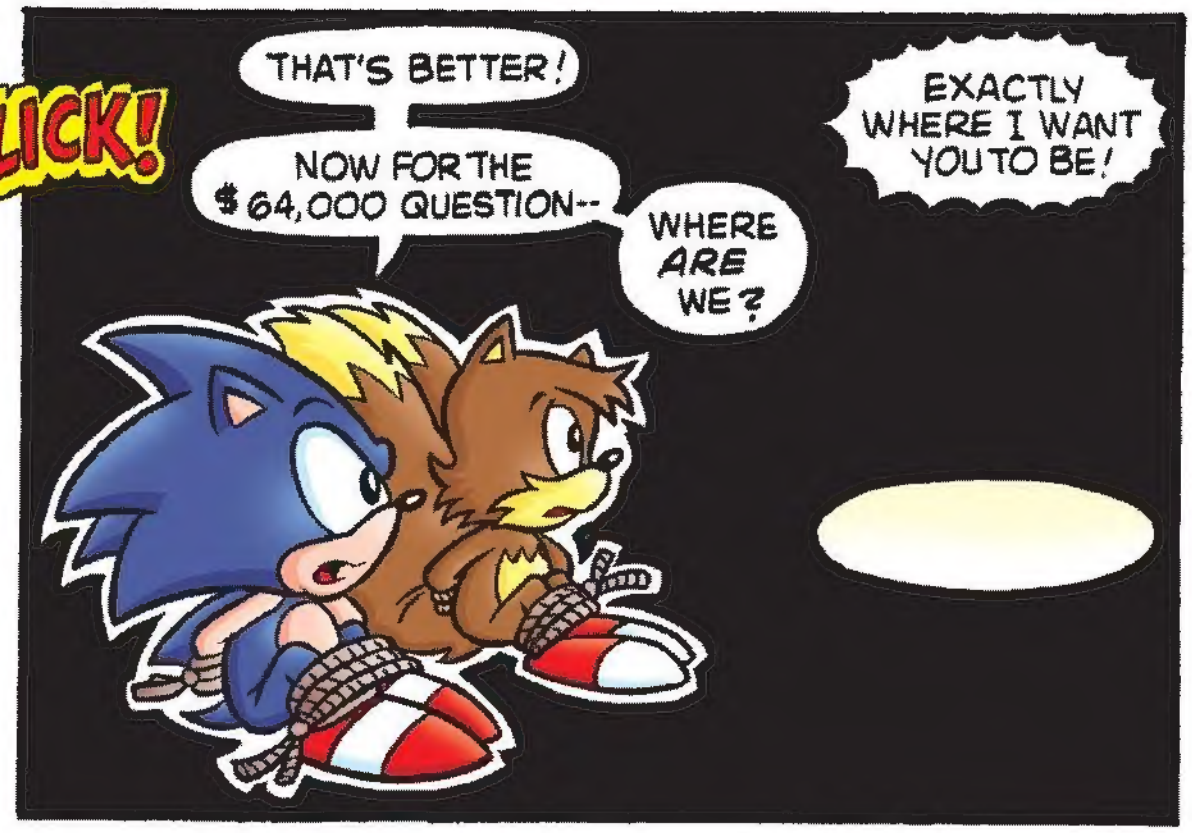
HEY, READERS! HELP SONIC BY PUSHING THOSE BUTTONS ON YOUR SEGA GENESIS!
CRUMBLE!

WHOOPS! NOT QUICK ENOUGH! OH WELL, PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!
SWOOOOOSHH!

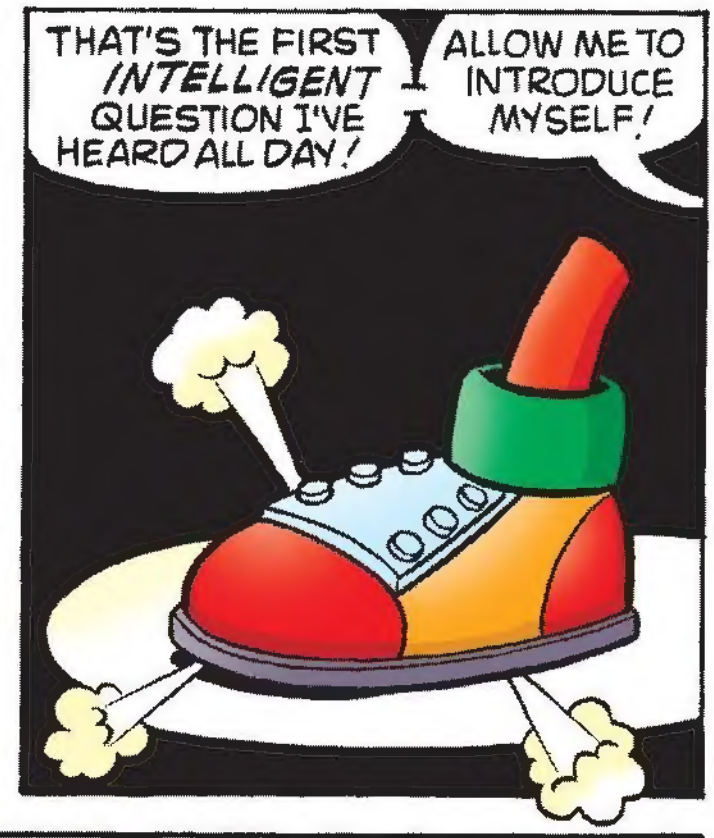

IT'S NO USE!--
-- WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS SUCTION ANY LONGER!--
WE'RE GOING DOWN THE DRAIN!

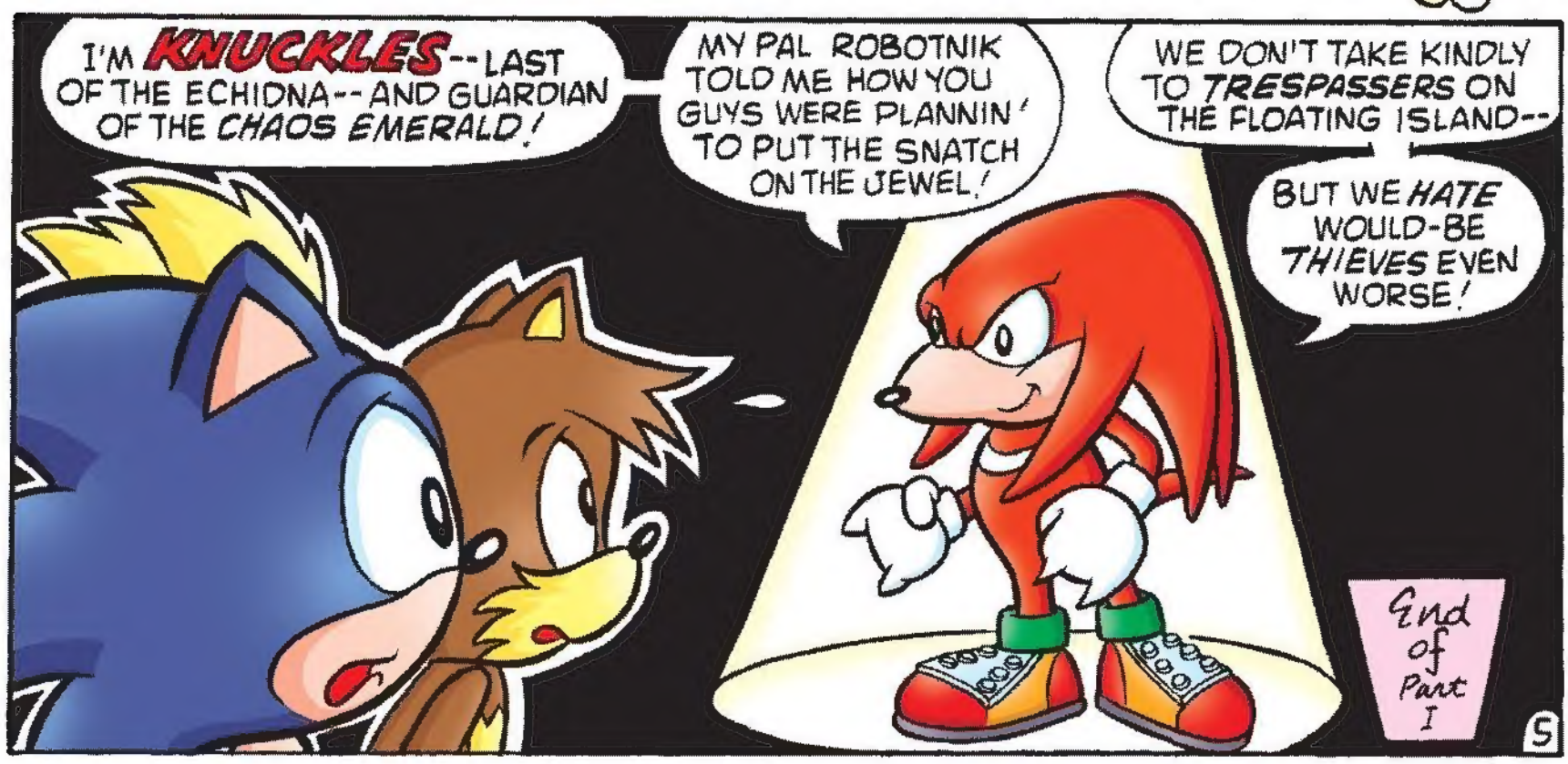
BLACKING OUT--
LOOKS--
LIKE WE'RE--
--SUNK...

HEY!
WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?


CLICK!
THAT'S BETTER!
NOW FOR THE $64,000 QUESTION--
WHERE ARE WE?
EXACTLY WHERE I WANT YOU TO BE!

THAT'S NOT THE VOICE WE ALL KNOW AND DESPISE!
THEN-- WHO IS IT?


THAT'S THE FIRST INTELLIGENT QUESTION I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!


I'M KNUCKLES--LAST OF THE ECHIDNA--AND GUARDIAN OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!
MY PAL ROBOTNIK TOLD ME HOW YOU GUYS WERE PLANNIN' TO PUT THE SNATCH ON THE JEWEL!
WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO TRESPASSERS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND--
BUT WE HATE WOULD-BE THIEVES EVEN WORSE!
End of Part I

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IN THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG

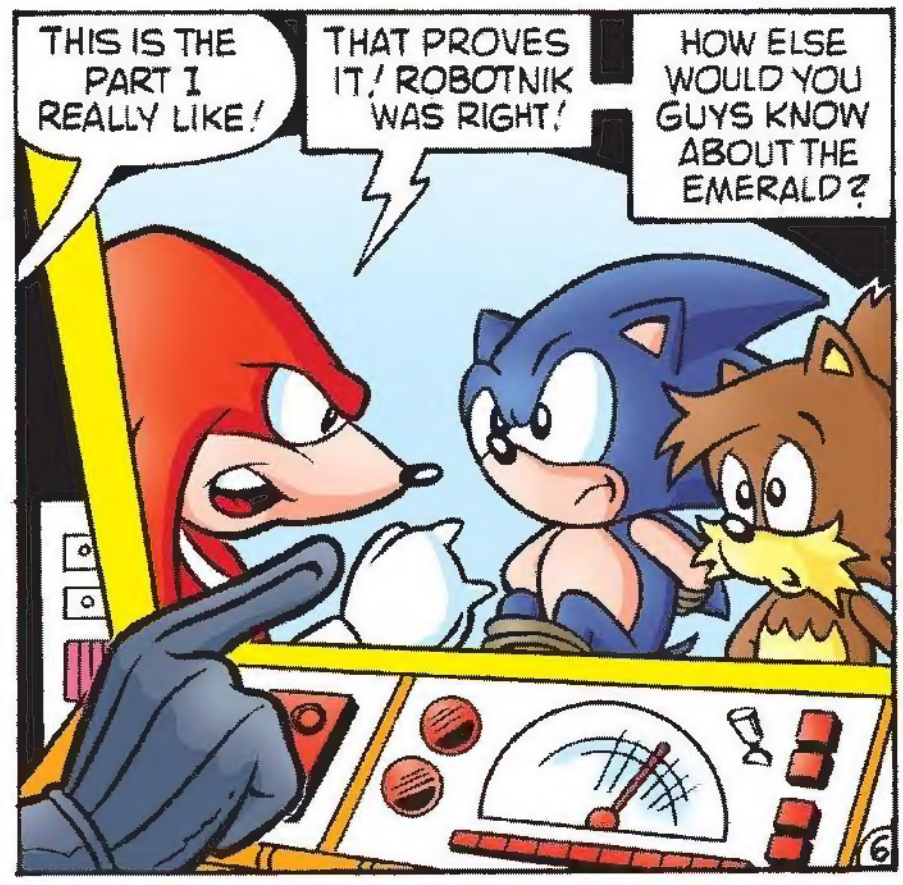
PART 2

CORRECT, YOU TWO-TAILED TWIT!

WHILE THAT DOPE OF A DUPE DEALS WITH MY HATED ENEMY --

YOU WERE RIGHT! IT IS A *CHAOS EMERALD* THAT KEEPS THIS ISLAND AFLOAT!

--WE SHALL ABSCOND WITH THE GEM IN QUESTION--AND USE ITS ENERGIES TO RECHARGE MY CRIPPLED *HOVERCRAFT*!



YOU JUST TOLD US ON THE *LAST PAGE* OF *PART ONE!*
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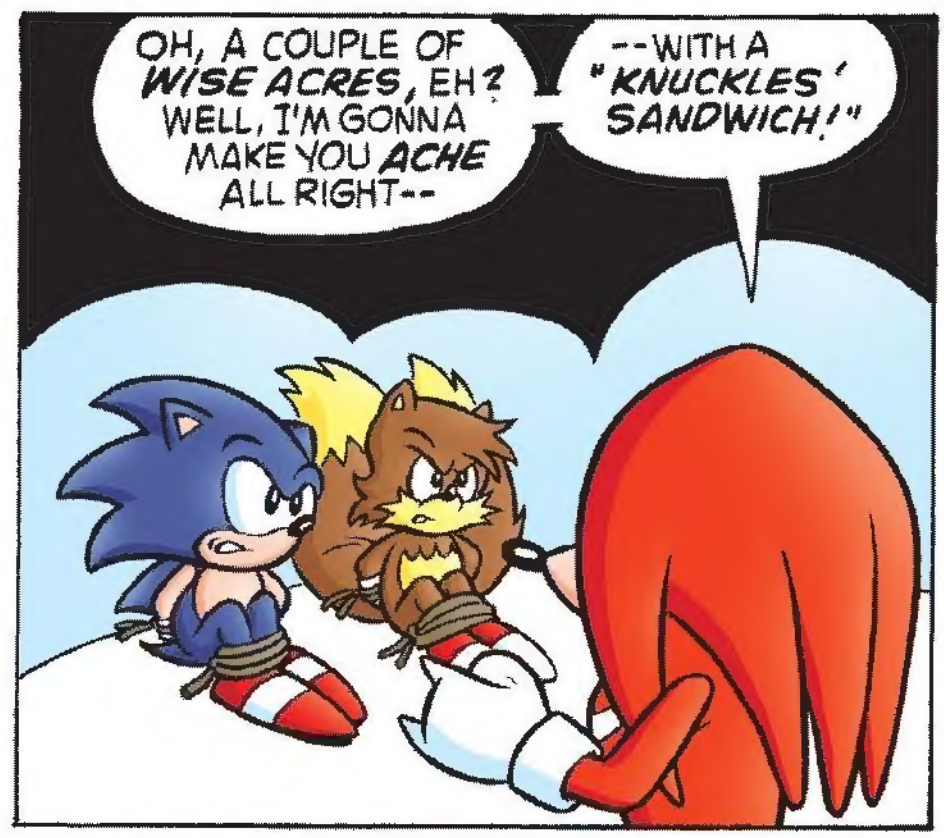
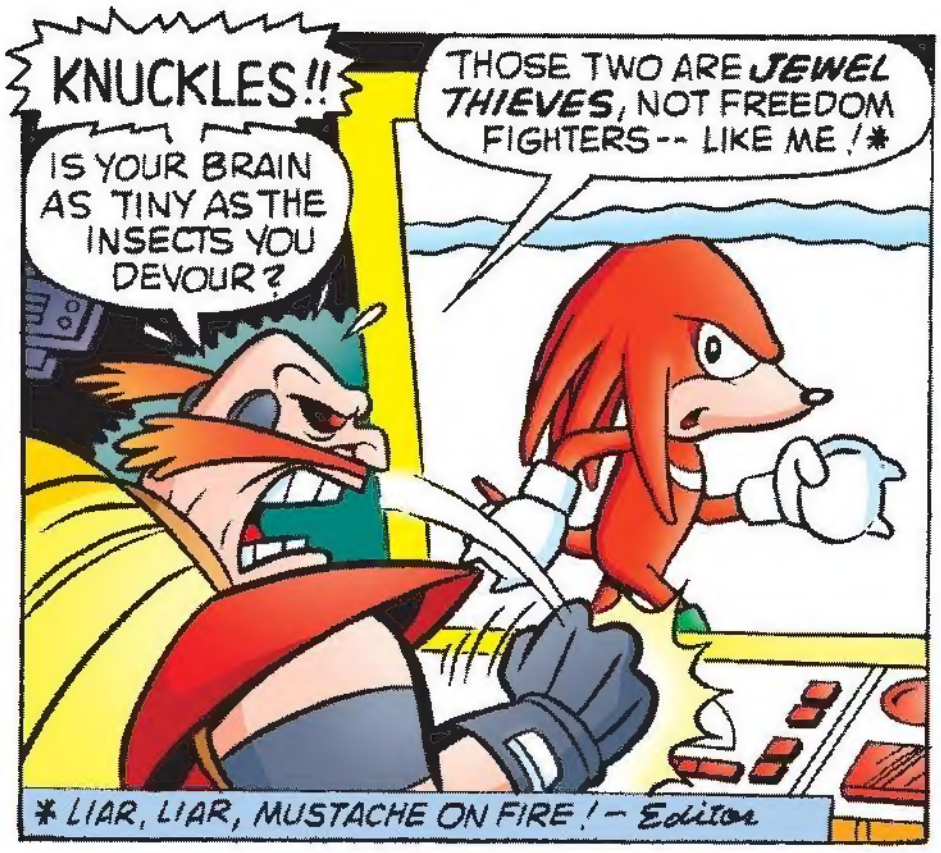

OH, A COUPLE OF *WISE ACRES*, EH? WELL, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU *ACHE* ALL RIGHT--
--WITH A "*KNUCKLES' SANDWICH!*"

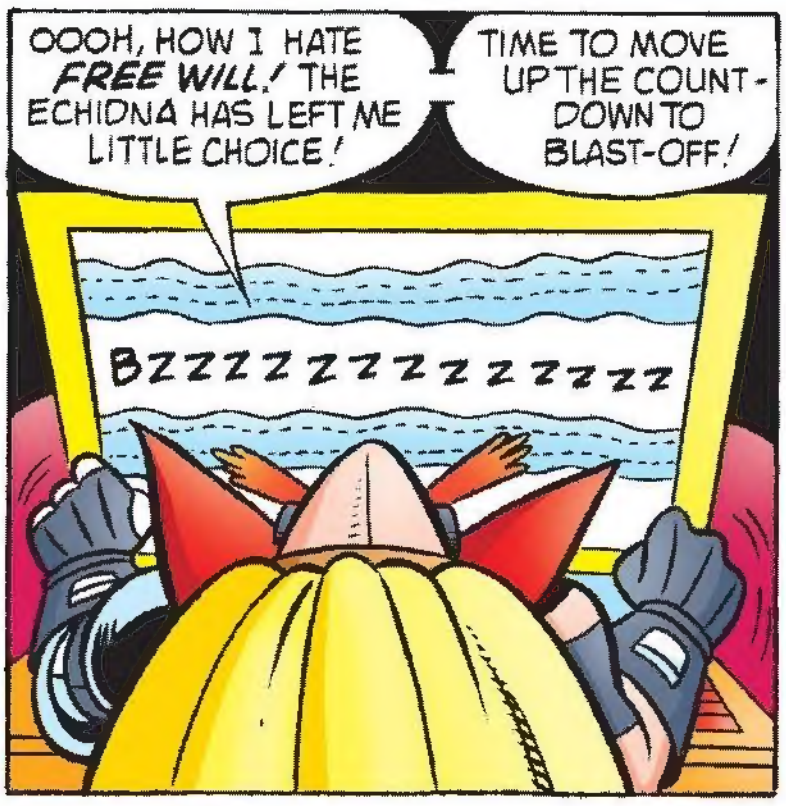
STILL, WE ECHIDNAS ARE FIRM, BUT *FAIR!*
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF MY LIFE --

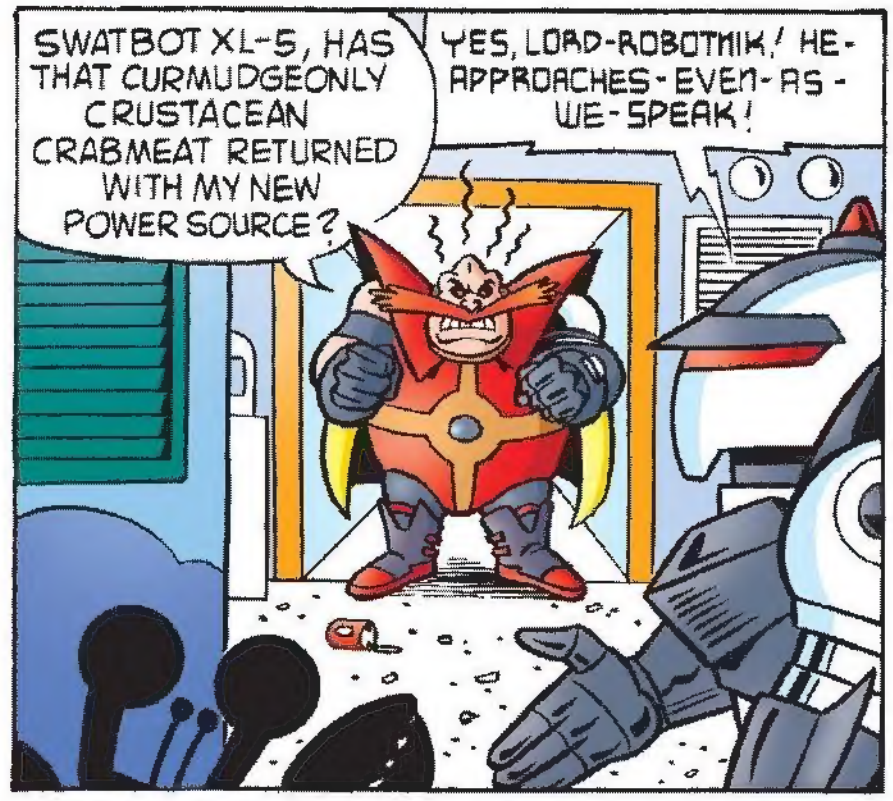
--AND OFF OF MY ISLAND!
YOU GOT A TEN-MINUTE HEAD START BEFORE I COME *GUNNIN'* FOR YA!
IF YOU AREN'T GOOD AND GONE BY THEN...
gulp
gulp

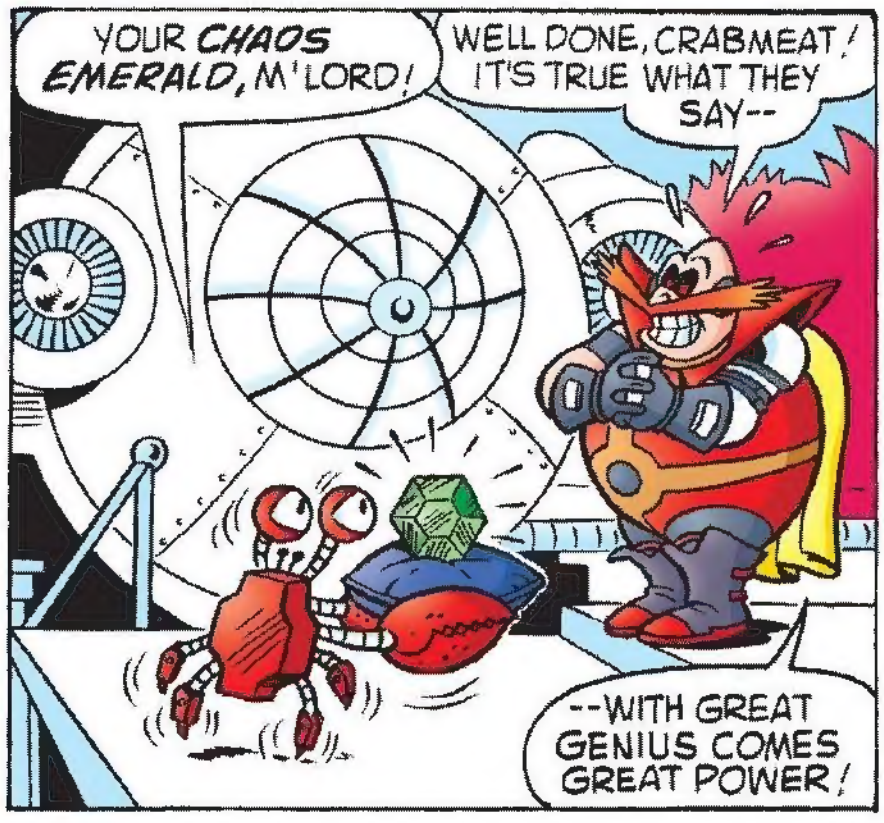
NICE GUY!
YEAH, NICE LIKE OL' ROBOTNIK!
LET'S JUICE, TAILS!-- WE'VE GOT TO PROVE OUR INNOCENCE IN TEN MINUTES OR LESS!
GOTHAM CITY 14 MILES

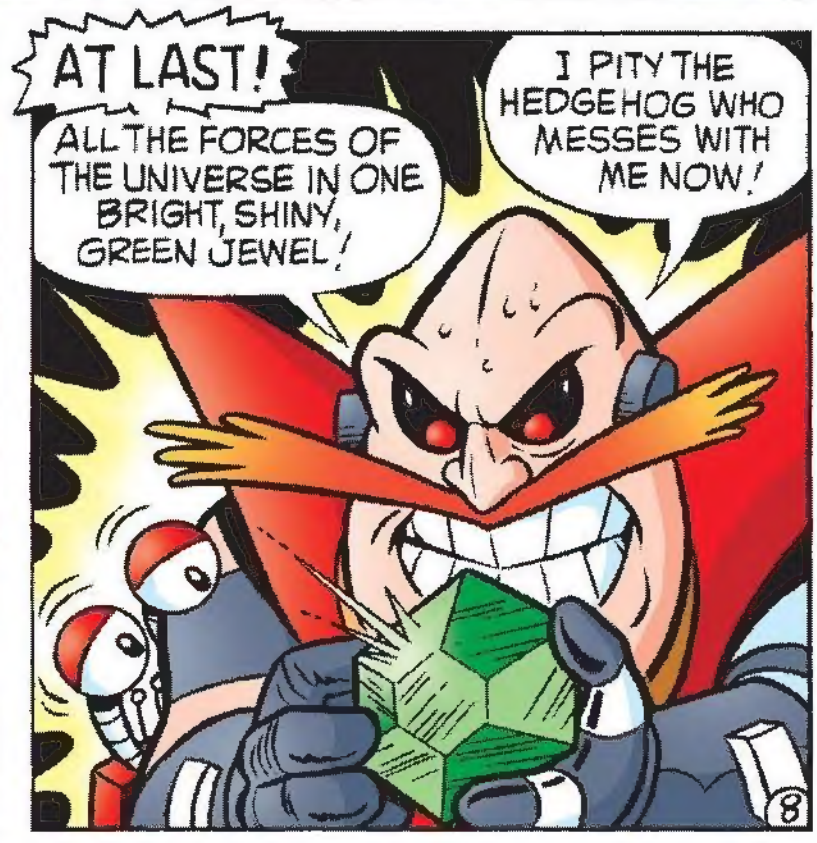

KNUCKLES!!
IS YOUR BRAIN AS TINY AS THE INSECTS YOU DEVOUR?
THOSE TWO ARE JEWEL THIEVES, NOT FREEDOM FIGHTERS -- LIKE ME!*
* LIAR, LIAR, MUSTACHE ON FIRE! – Editor

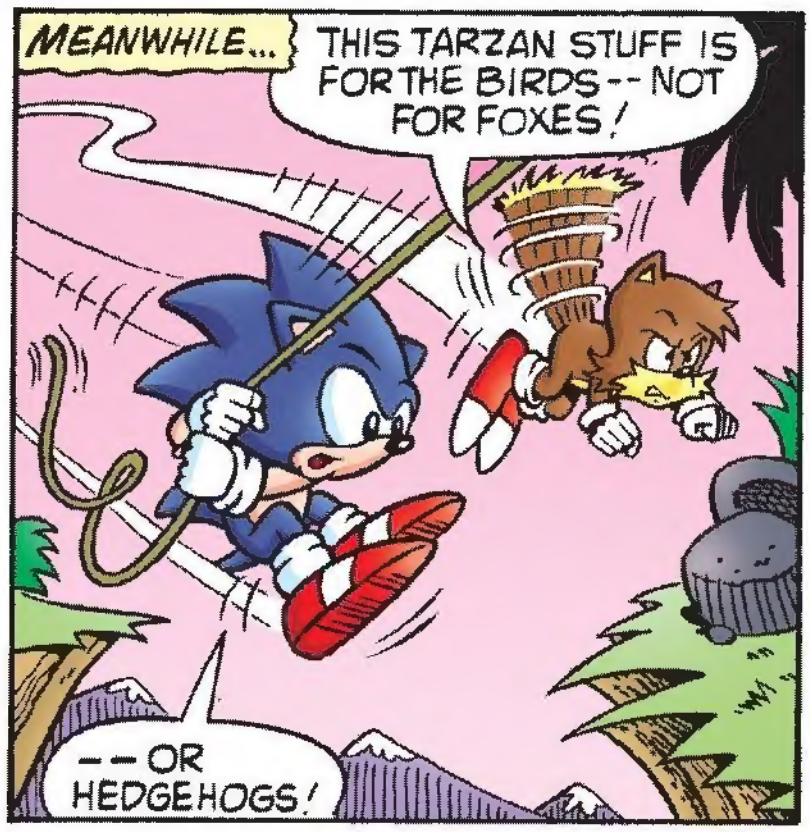
YOU'VE LET THEM SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS!
KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON, DOC! YOU TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS --
--WHILE I GIVE THOSE GUYS THE BUSINESS!


OOOH, HOW I HATE FREE WILL! THE ECHIDNA HAS LEFT ME LITTLE CHOICE!
TIME TO MOVE UP THE COUNT-DOWN TO BLAST-OFF!
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ


SWATBOT XL-5, HAS THAT CURMUDGEONLY CRUSTACEAN CRABMEAT RETURNED WITH MY NEW POWER SOURCE?
YES, LORD-ROBOTNIK! HE-APPROACHES-EVEN-AS-WE-SPEAK!


YOUR CHAOS EMERALD, M'LORD!
WELL DONE, CRABMEAT! IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY--
--WITH GREAT GENIUS COMES GREAT POWER!


AT LAST!
ALL THE FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE IN ONE BRIGHT, SHINY, GREEN JEWEL!
I PITY THE HEDGEHOG WHO MESSES WITH ME NOW!

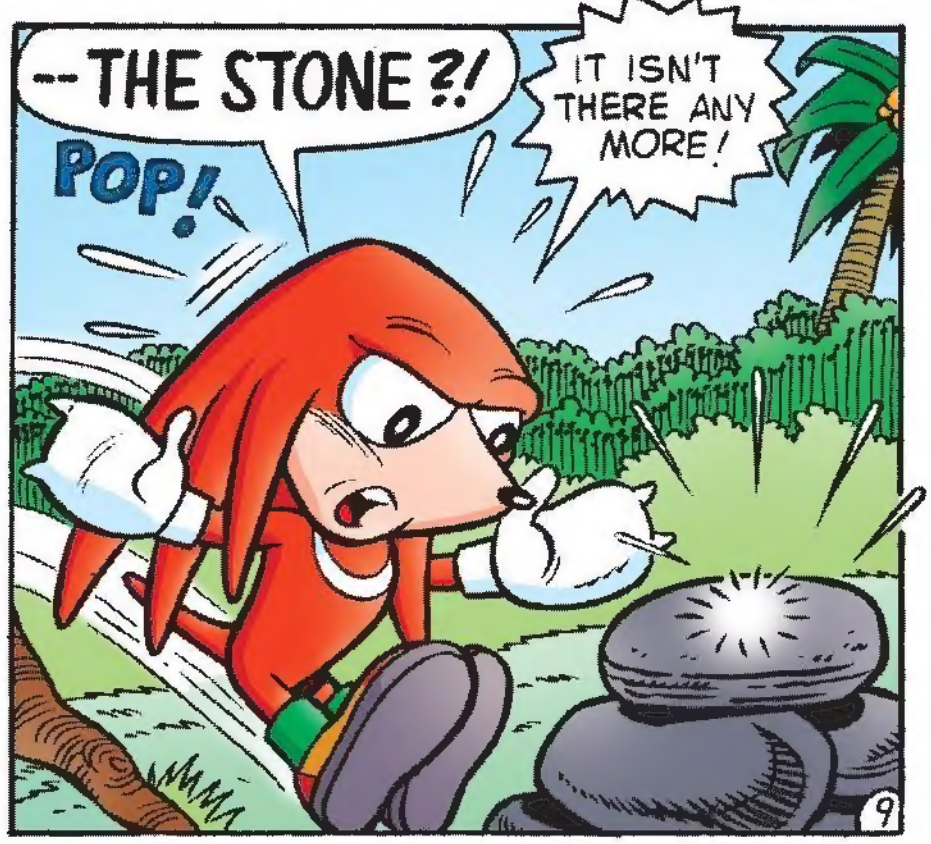

MEANWHILE...
THIS TARZAN STUFF IS FOR THE BIRDS -- NOT FOR FOXES!
-- OR HEDGEHOGS!

WE KNOW WE'RE INNOCENT, SONIC, BUT HOW DO WE PROVE IT?
WE'RE NOT GOING TO, TAILS! IF THINGS RUN TRUE TO FORM--ROBOTNIK WILL DO IT FOR US!

THEY'RE NOT LEAVIN'!
GOOD THING I'M NOT THE TRUSTIN' TYPE!

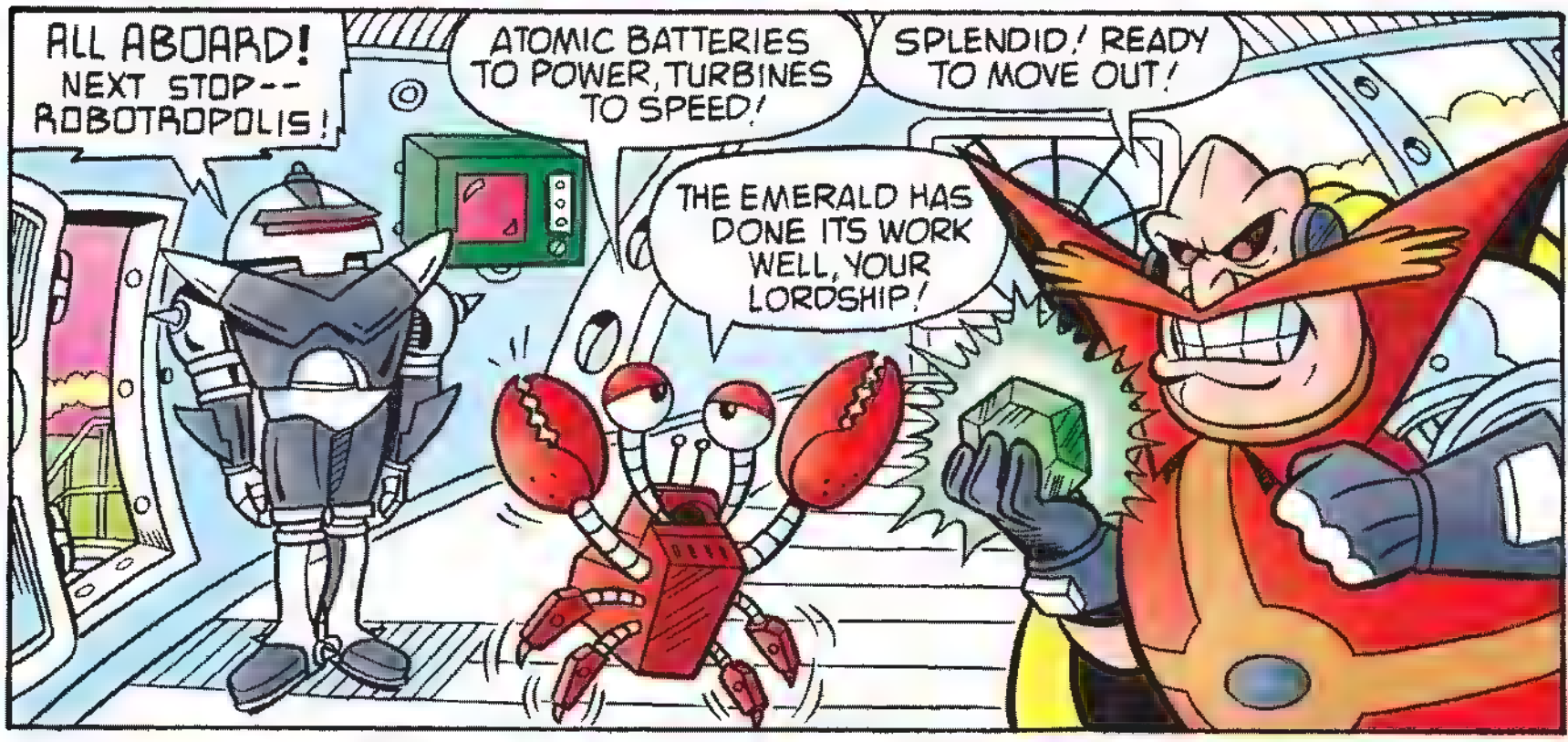
THOSE BUMS ARE HEADIN' STRAIGHT FOR THE JEWEL!
THIS CALLS FOR DRASTIC ACTION!

BETTER HOOF IT THROUGH THE HIDDEN PASSAGEWAY...
...AND HEAD 'EM OFF AT--

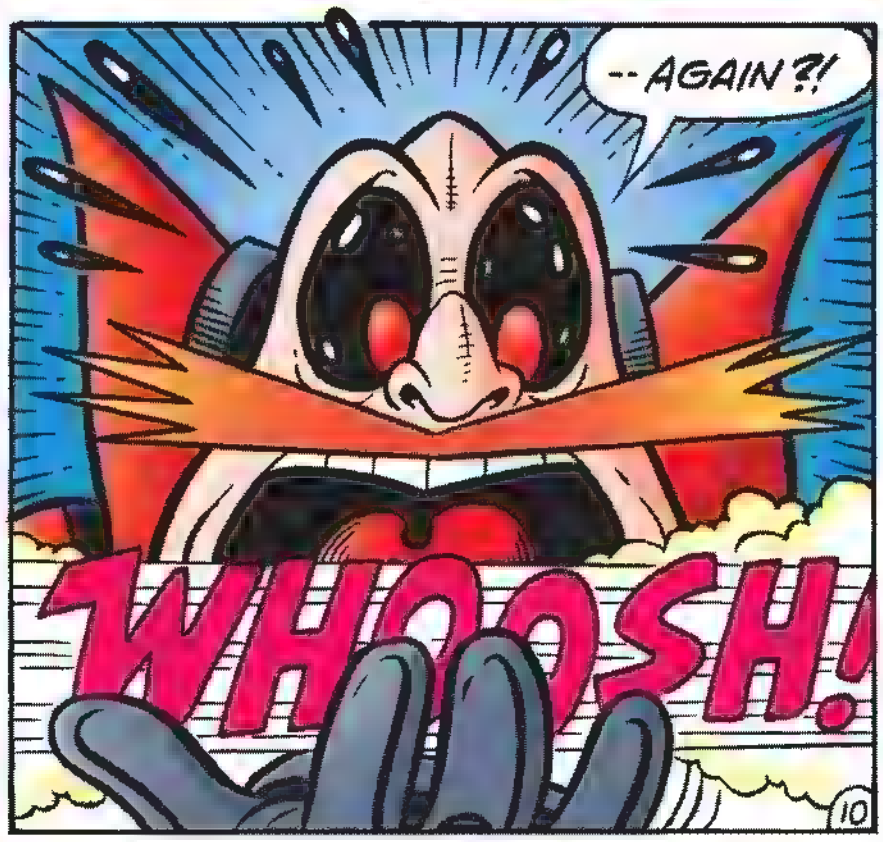

--THE STONE?!
POP!
IT ISN'T THERE ANY MORE!

YOU GUYS COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT-- CUZ YOU'RE ONLY JUST NOW GETTIN' HERE!
WHICH MEANS--
?
?

--I'VE BEEN PLAYED FOR A SAP!
AND NOBODY--
BUT NOBODY--
PLAYS KNUCKLES FOR A SAP AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
LEAD ME TO ROBOTNIK!!

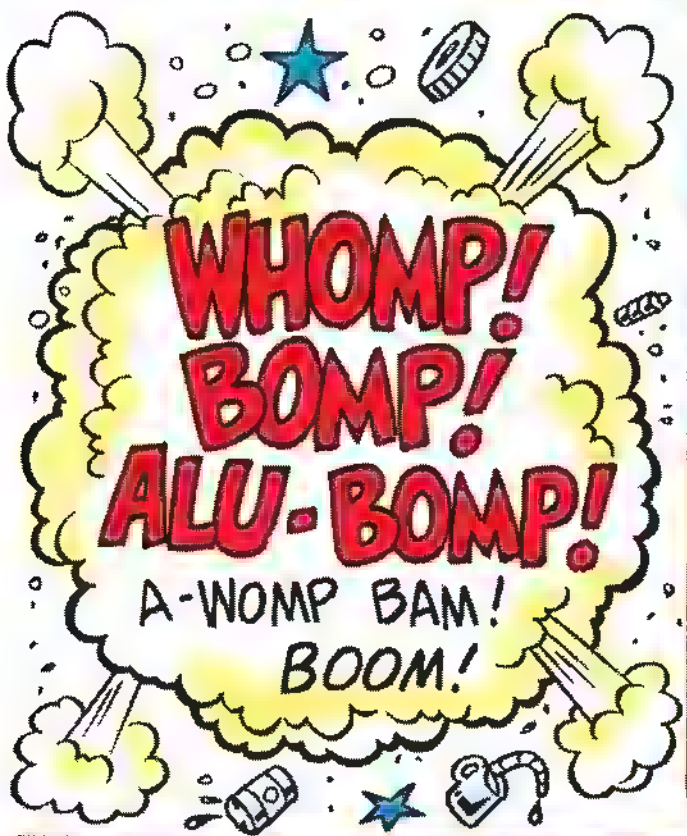

ALL ABOARD! NEXT STOP-- ROBOTROPOLIS!
ATOMIC BATTERIES TO POWER, TURBINES TO SPEED!
SPLENDID! READY TO MOVE OUT!
THE EMERALD HAS DONE ITS WORK WELL, YOUR LORDSHIP!

YES!
WE'D BEST HANG ON TO THIS BAUBLE--
NO TELLING WHEN WE MAY NEED IT--


--AGAIN?!
WHOOSH!

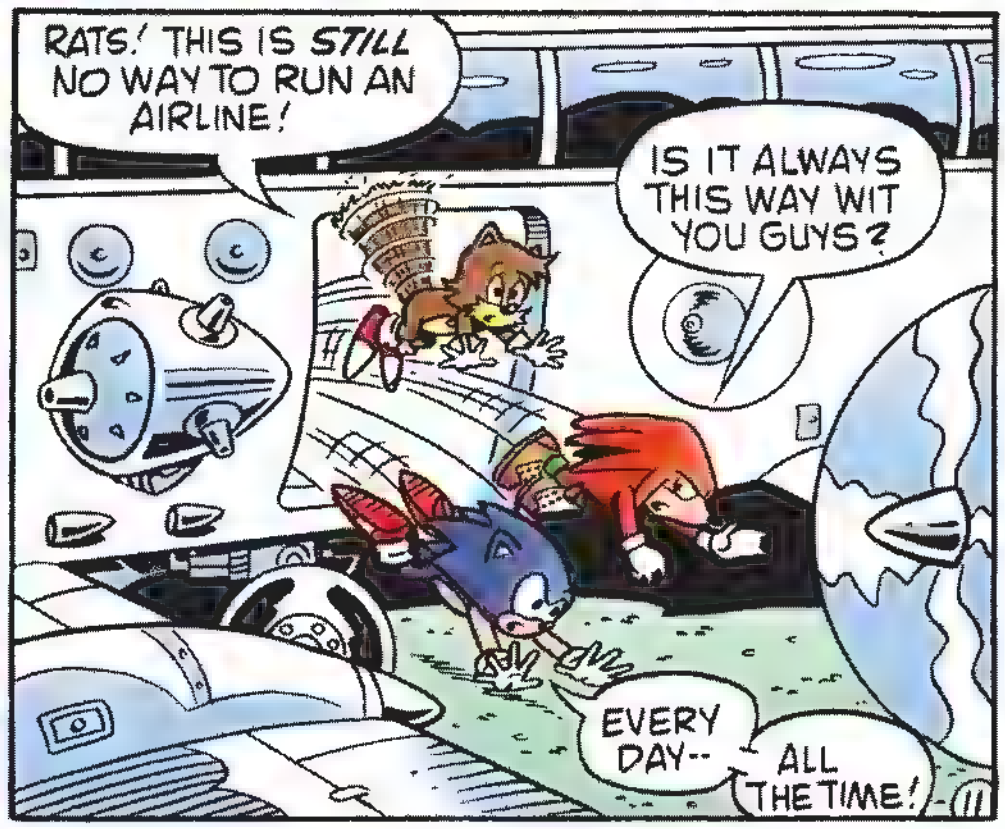
LOOKING FOR THIS, ROBO-BUTT?
WELL, LOOK NO FURTHER!
ME AND THE HEDGEHOG HAVE COME TO AN UNDER-STANDIN'!
WE UNDER STAND THAT YOU'RE A JERK!

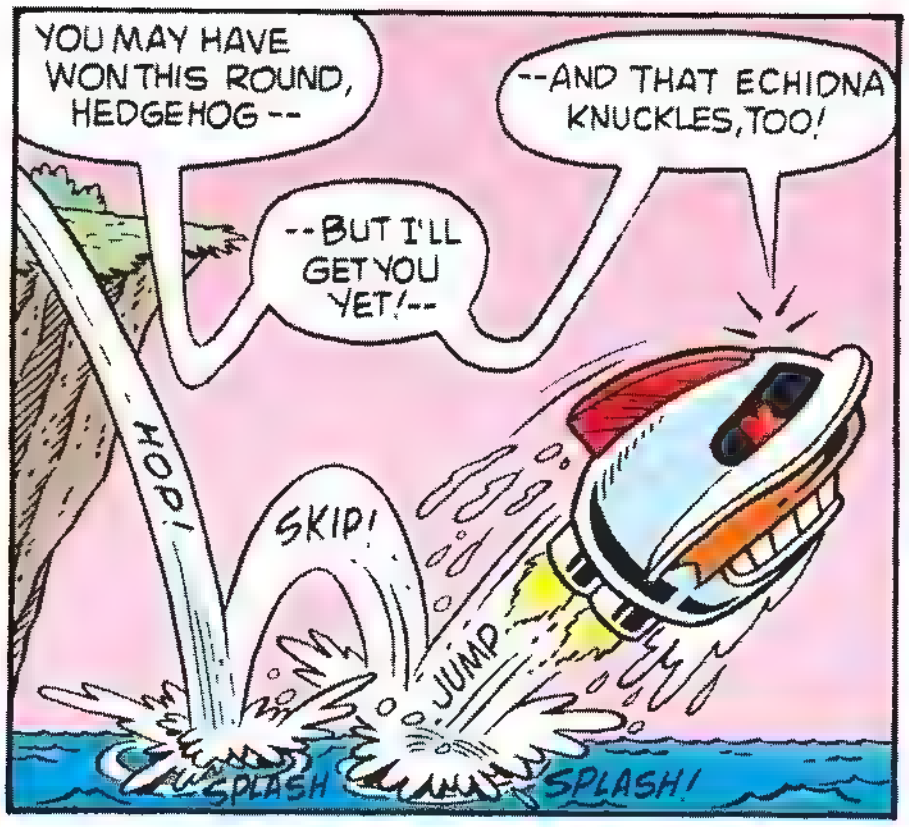
GET THEM! GET THEM...
NOW!


WHOMP! BOMP! ALU-BOMP!
A-WOMP BAM! BOOM!

NICE JOB!
SMAK!
YOU, TOO!
UH, FELLAS... WHERE'S ROBOTNIK?

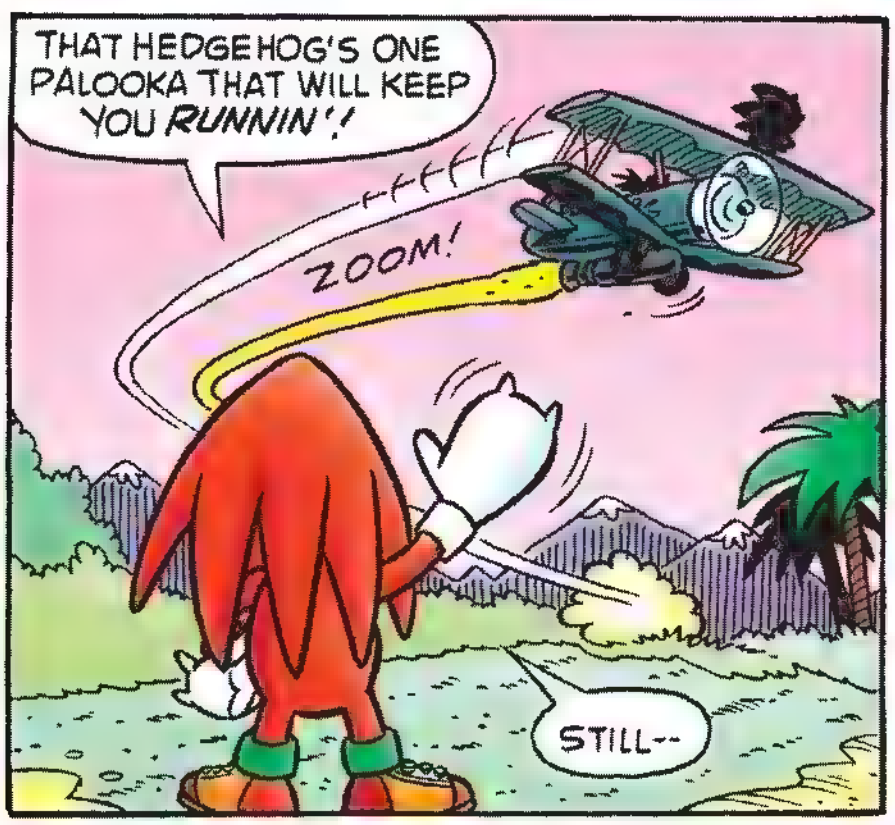
VA-ROOM!
THE ENGINES!
WE'RE MOVING!


RATS! THIS IS STILL NO WAY TO RUN AN AIRLINE!
IS IT ALWAYS THIS WAY WIT YOU GUYS?
EVERY DAY--
ALL THE TIME!


YOU MAY HAVE WON THIS ROUND, HEDGEHOG --
--AND THAT ECHIDNA KNUCKLES, TOO!
--BUT I'LL GET YOU YET!--
HOP!
SKIP!
JUMP
SPLASH
SPLASH!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH!
SPEAKING OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TRASHED--
WHAT ABOUT OUR PLANE?
FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK...

WHILE YOU GUYS WERE SLEEPING OFF YOUR UNEXPECTED SWIM, I WAS BUSY "PICKIN' UP THE PIECES!"
GREAT!
I LOVE PUZZLES!
ESPECIALLY...
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
SONIC
TA-DA!
...ONCE THEY'VE BEEN PUT TOGETHER!
... SHOWOFF!


THAT HEDGEHOG'S ONE PALOOKA THAT WILL KEEP YOU RUNNIN'!
ZOOM!
STILL--

--I HAVE THIS FUNNY FEELING THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THOSE MUGS!
IS KNUCKLES FRIEND OR FOE??? SONIC AND TAILS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW!!! CHECK OUT UPCOMING ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS!
The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in SPACE IN YO' FACE!

PART I.

HOLD STILL WHILE I CARVE YOUR BLOCKHEAD... I MEAN, YOUR HEAD FROM A BLOCK, ANTOINE!

HOW EZZ ZIS, SONIC?

SONIC HAS FOUND A WAY TO COMBINE HIS SONIC SPIN WITH HIS ARTISTIC SKILLS, BUNNIE!

WHIRRRRR!!

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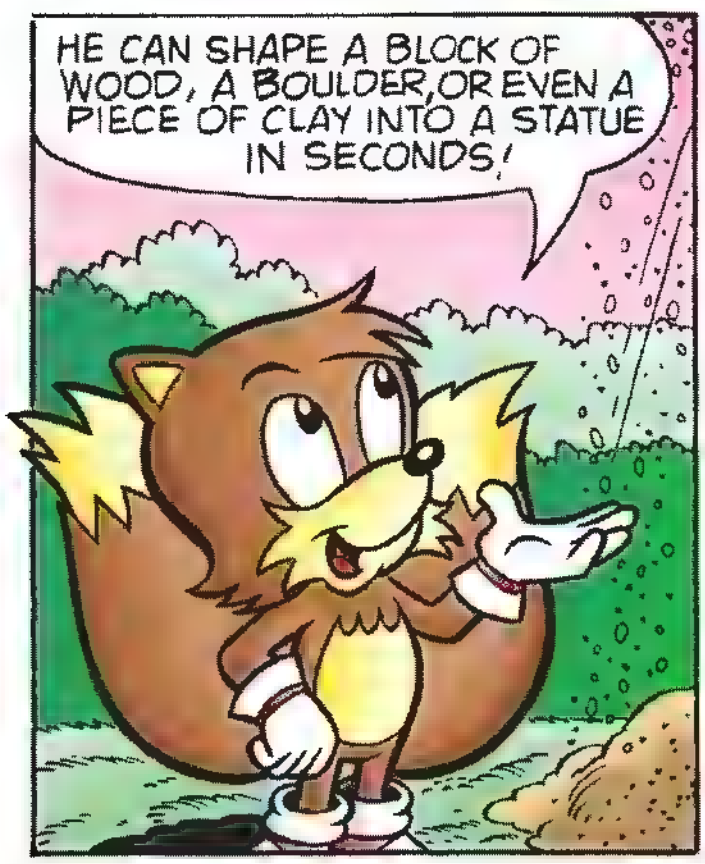

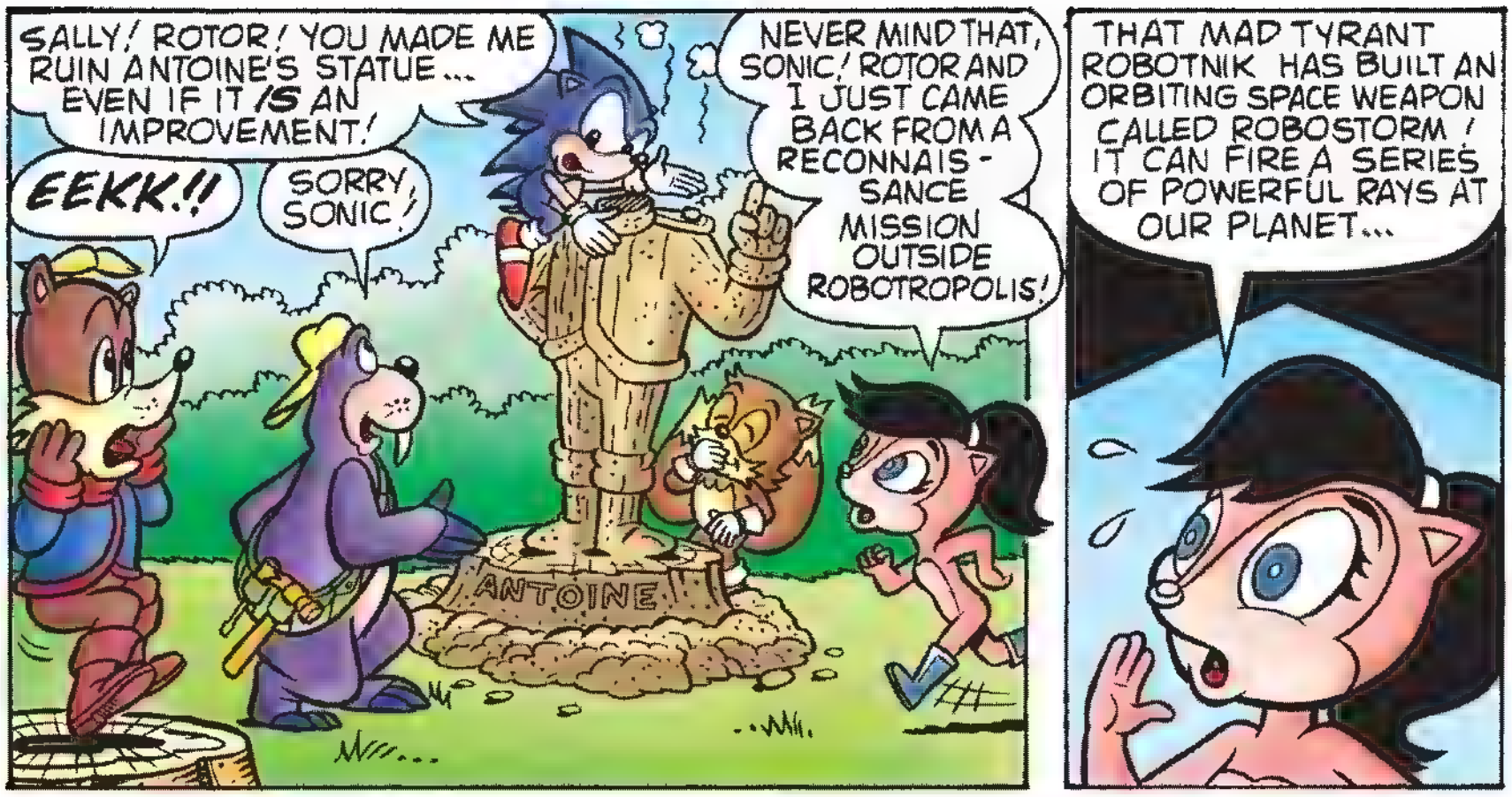
SALLY! ROTOR! YOU MADE ME RUIN ANTOINE'S STATUE... EVEN IF IT IS AN IMPROVEMENT!
EEKK!!
SORRY, SONIC!
NEVER MIND THAT, SONIC! ROTOR AND I JUST CAME BACK FROM A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS!
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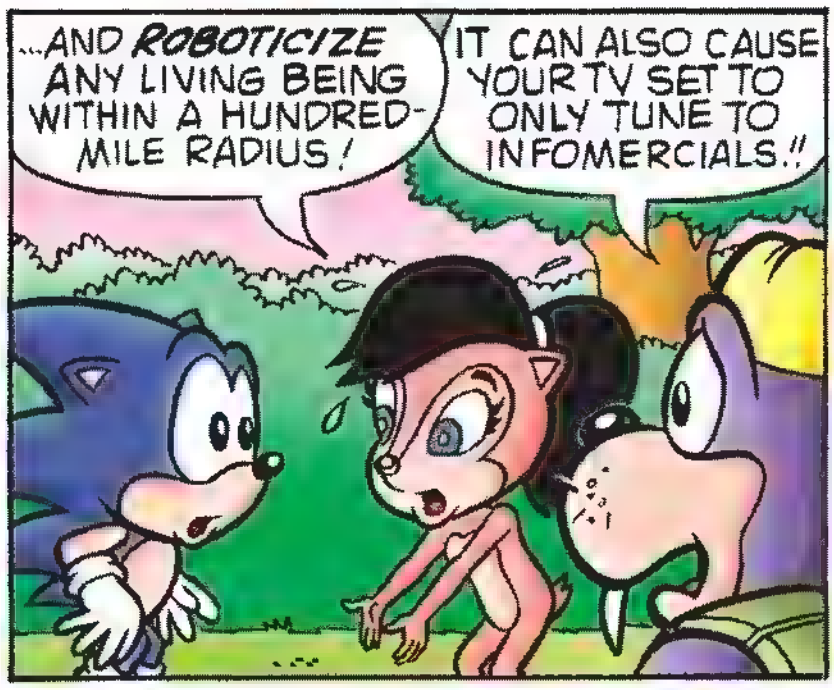
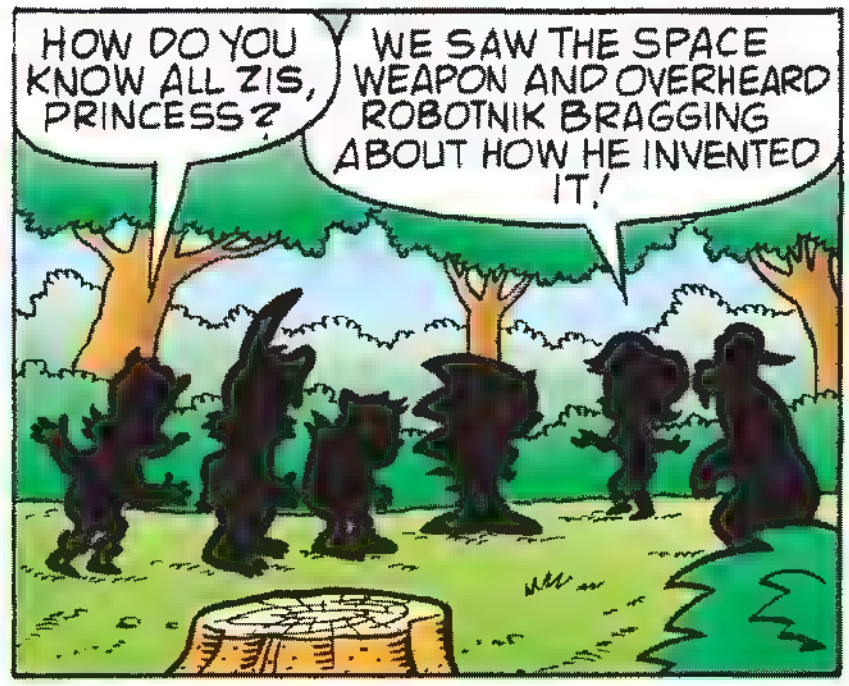
THAT MAD TYRANT ROBOTNIK HAS BUILT AN ORBITING SPACE WEAPON CALLED ROBOSTORM! IT CAN FIRE A SERIES OF POWERFUL RAYS AT OUR PLANET...


...AND ROBOTICIZE ANY LIVING BEING WITHIN A HUNDRED-MILE RADIUS!
IT CAN ALSO CAUSE YOUR TV SET TO ONLY TUNE TO INFOMERCIALS!!


HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL ZIS, PRINCESS?
WE SAW THE SPACE WEAPON AND OVERHEARD ROBOTNIK BRAGGING ABOUT HOW HE INVENTED IT!

HE PROBABLY STOLE THE IDEA FROM A COMIC BOOK!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THIS ROBOSTORM FROM BEING LAUNCHED OR WE'RE ALL HISTORY, DUDES!
I HAVE A PLAN...

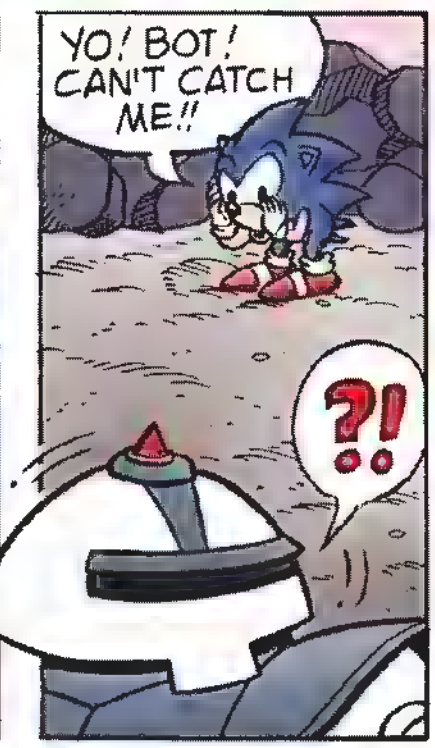
...BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GET PAST A TEAM OF SWATBOTS!!
HEY, NO SWAT... I MEAN, NO SWEAT, MAN!

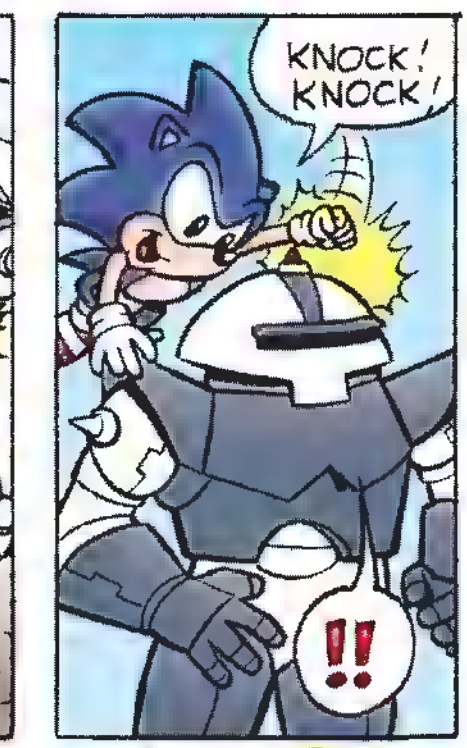
LATER, JUST OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...

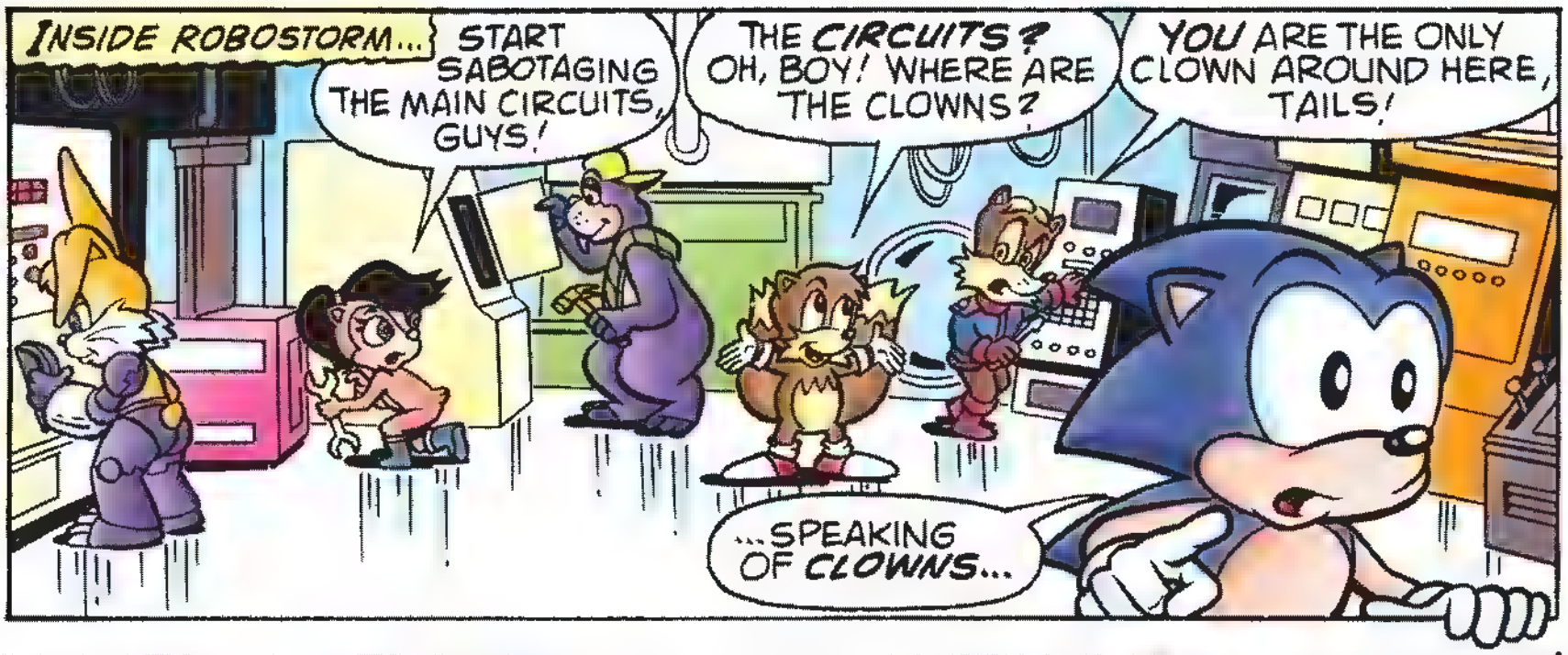
ROBOTNIK REALLY LOVES HIMSELF! EVERYTHING HE BUILDS LOOKS LIKE *HIM!!*

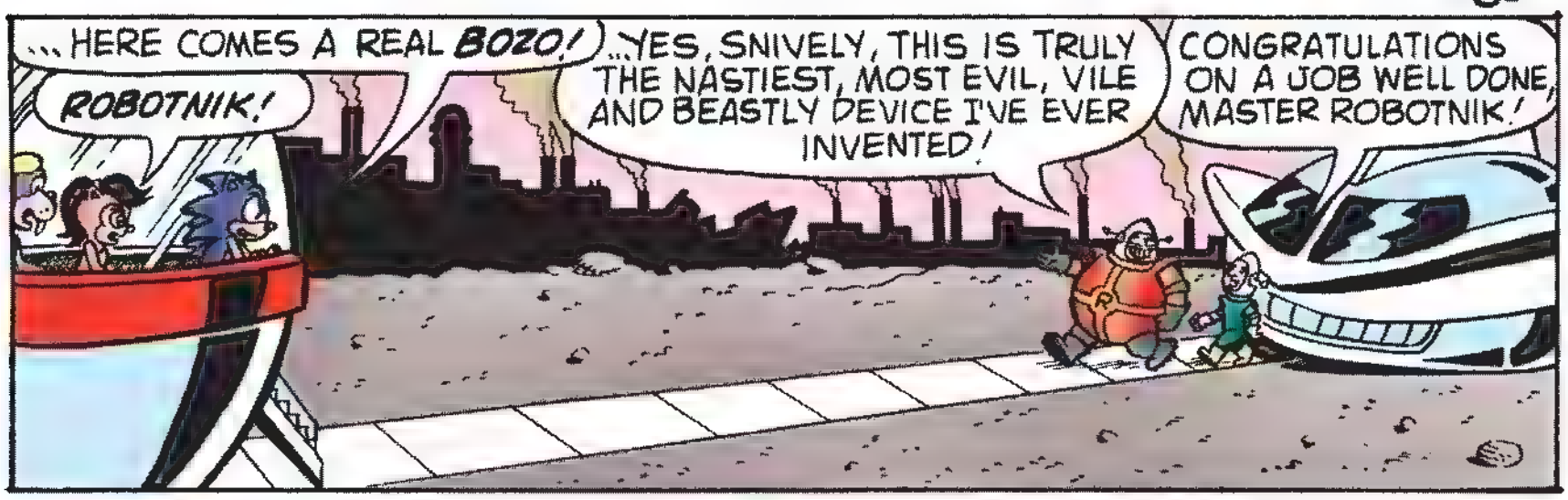
HOW CAN YOU GET RID OF ALL THOSE SWATBOTS, SONIC?

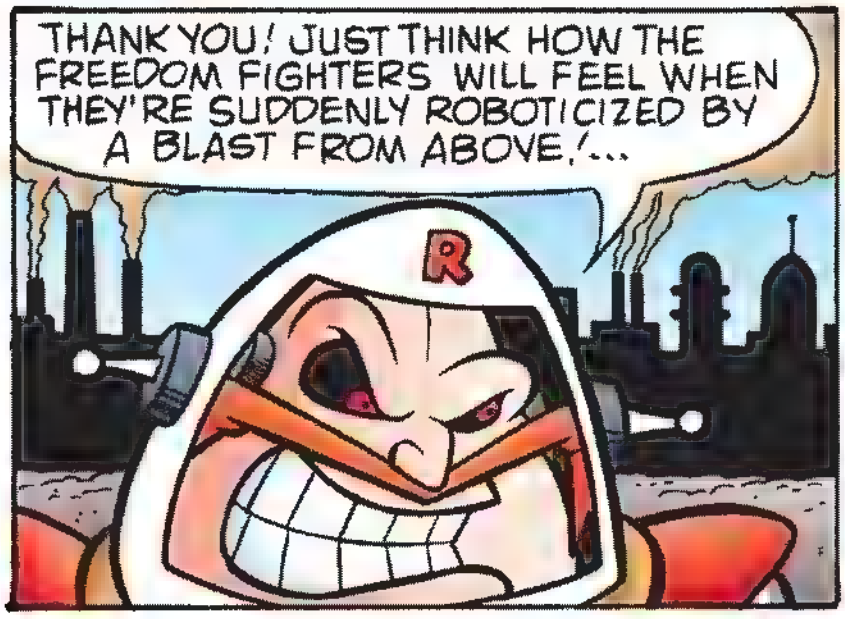
BY MOVING SO *FAST*, THAT ONLY *ONE* BOT AT A TIME WILL SEE ME! WATCH...






INSIDE ROBOSTORM...
START SABOTAGING THE MAIN CIRCUITS, GUYS!
THE CIRCUITS? OH, BOY! WHERE ARE THE CLOWNS?
YOU ARE THE ONLY CLOWN AROUND HERE, TAILS!
...SPEAKING OF CLOWNS...


...HERE COMES A REAL BOZO!
ROBOTNIK!
...YES, SNIVELY, THIS IS TRULY THE NASTIEST, MOST EVIL, VILE AND BEASTLY DEVICE I'VE EVER INVENTED!
CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE, MASTER ROBOTNIK!


THANK YOU! JUST THINK HOW THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL FEEL WHEN THEY'RE SUDDENLY ROBOTICIZED BY A BLAST FROM ABOVE!...
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...THAT IS, IF THEY'RE STILL ABLE TO FEEL ANYTHING... HAHAHAHOHOHO!
MASTER! THE SWATBOTS WHO WERE GUARDING ROBOSTORM ARE GONE...
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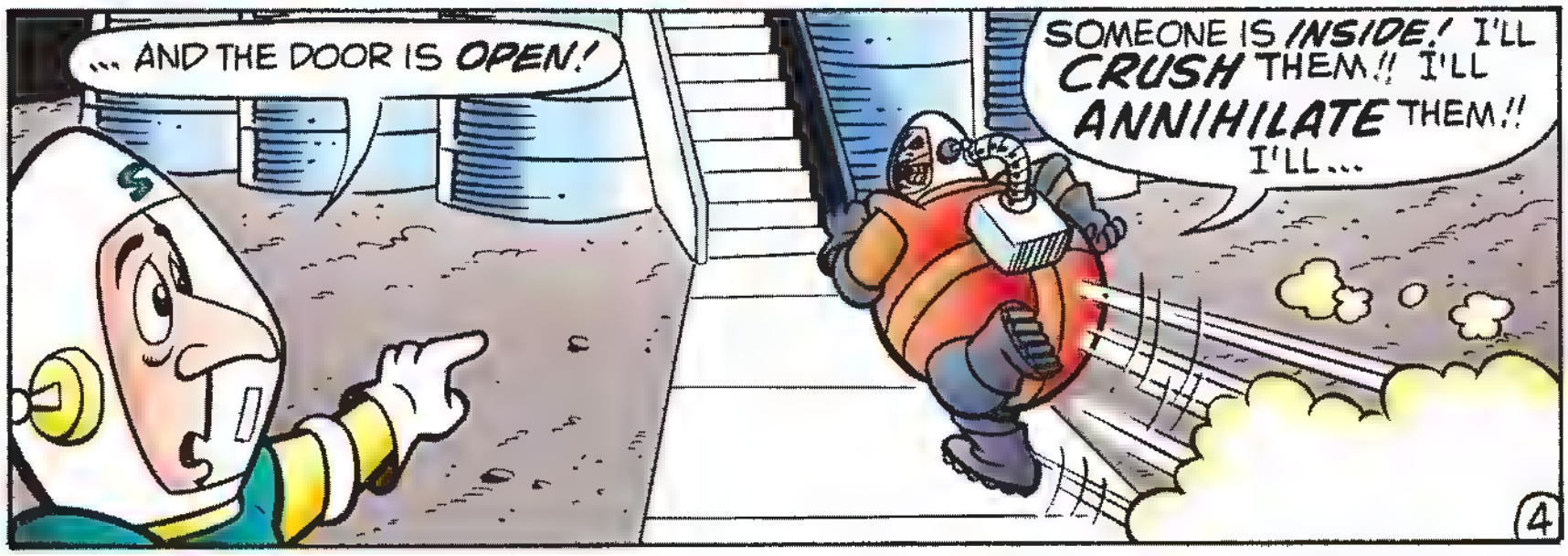
... AND THE DOOR IS OPEN!
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SOMEONE IS INSIDE! I'LL CRUSH THEM!! I'LL ANNIHILATE THEM!! I'LL...

RROAR!!

...I'LL GET A NEW SPACE SUIT ...SMOKEY BLACK JUST ISN'T MY COLOR!!

MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE PURSUE THEM, YOUR SOOTINESS?

SOON...

IT'S COOL THAT WE ESCAPED IN ROBOSTORM, SALLY, BUT HOW CAN WE SABOTAGE IT WHILE WE'RE IN IT?

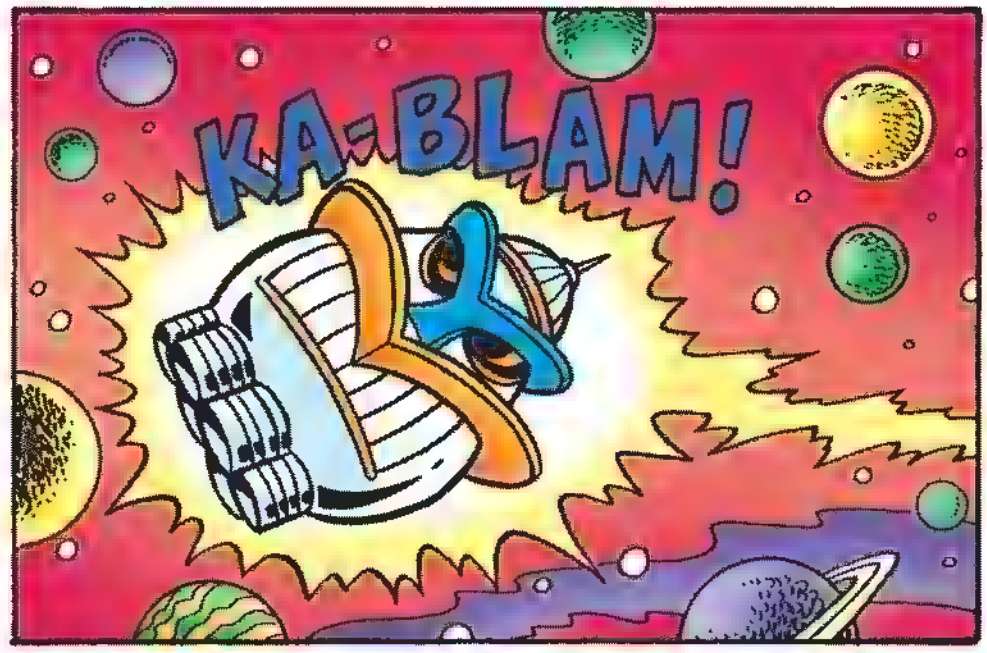
WE CAN'T, SONIC...

...THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO TAKE US BACK TO KNOTHOLE!

JUST LOOK OUT THERE, SUGAR! ISN'T OUTER SPACE AWESOME?

IT'S KIND OF SCARY, BUNNIE...

I FEEL LIKE WE'RE TRAPPED INSIDE A GIANT GUMBALL MACHINE!
THOSE GUMBALLS ARE THE ONE HUNDRED MOONS THAT ORBIT OUR PLANET, TAILS!
THERE THEY ARE, OH DEMENTED ONE! SHALL I BLAST THEM WITH THE DE-ENERGIZER?
WAIT TILL I COVER MY EYES, SNIVELY!



WHAT HAPPENED? ...IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
I JUST DRAINED ALL THE POWER FROM YOUR SHIP!...NOW I'LL EITHER TOW YOU BACK TO MOBIUS AND ROBOTICIZE YOU...
I'M OKAY, BUT THIS SCENE IS UPSIDE DOWN!
...OR I'LL LEAVE YOU TO DRIFT IN SPACE FOREVER! HEE HEE HAHAHAHA HAAA HA!!
!!

END OF PART I..

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in SPACE IN YO' FACE!

PART II

...AND THE REST OF YOU, MY FUTURE SLAVES... PREPARE FOR YOUR *LAST RIDE!!*

LOOK, SAL! THE CONTROL PANEL SAYS THAT THERE'S STILL SOME AUXILIARY POWER LEFT...

...ENOUGH TO FLY A SHORT DISTANCE!

BUT WE'RE THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM MOBIUS!

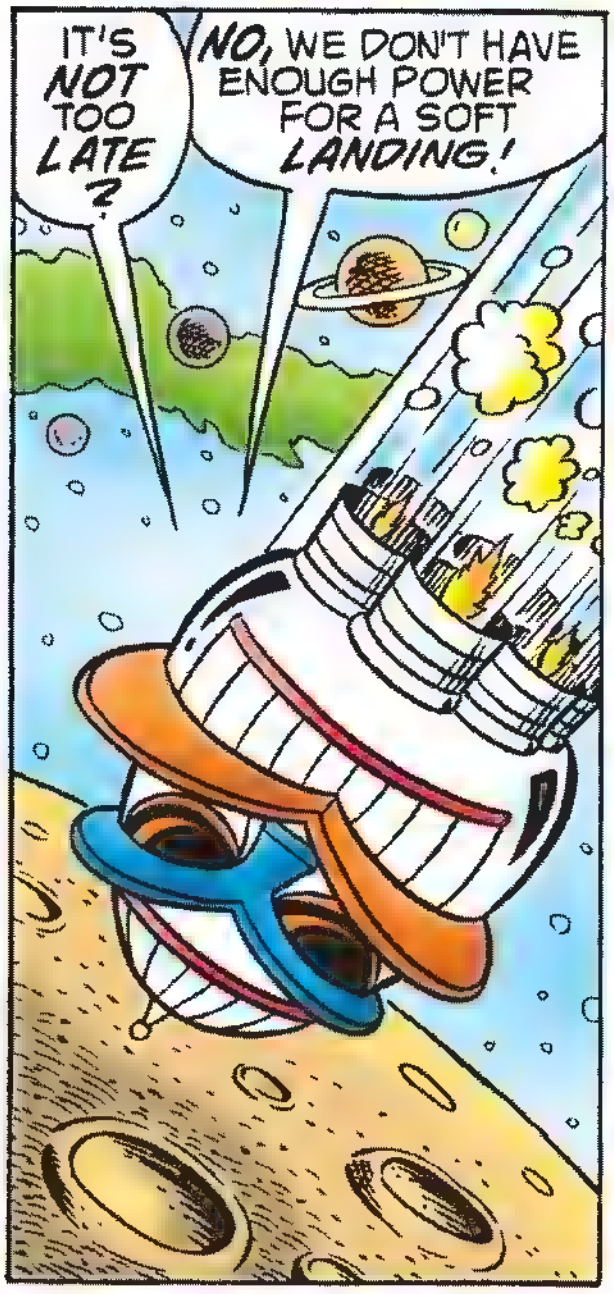
RIGHT! BUT I CAN GET US TO ONE OF THOSE MOONS! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO SURVIVE!!

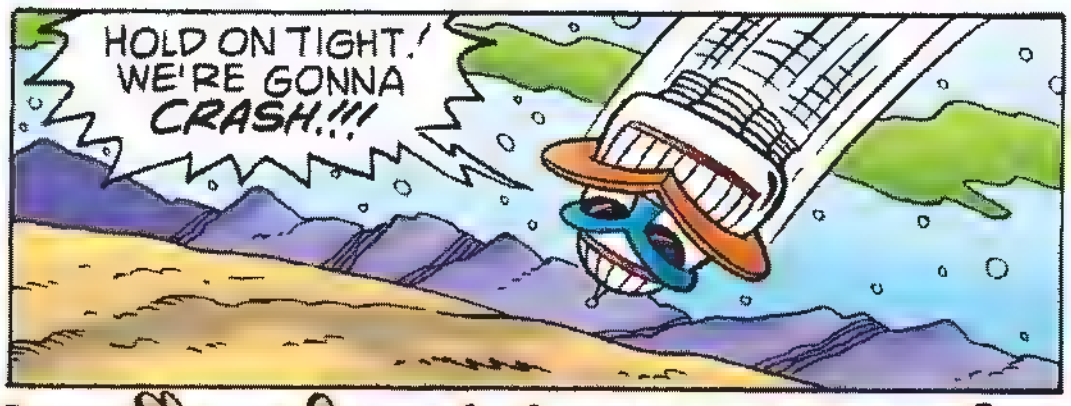
LET'S *DO* IT!

SNIVELY!!! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE ESCAPING! *CATCH THEM!!*

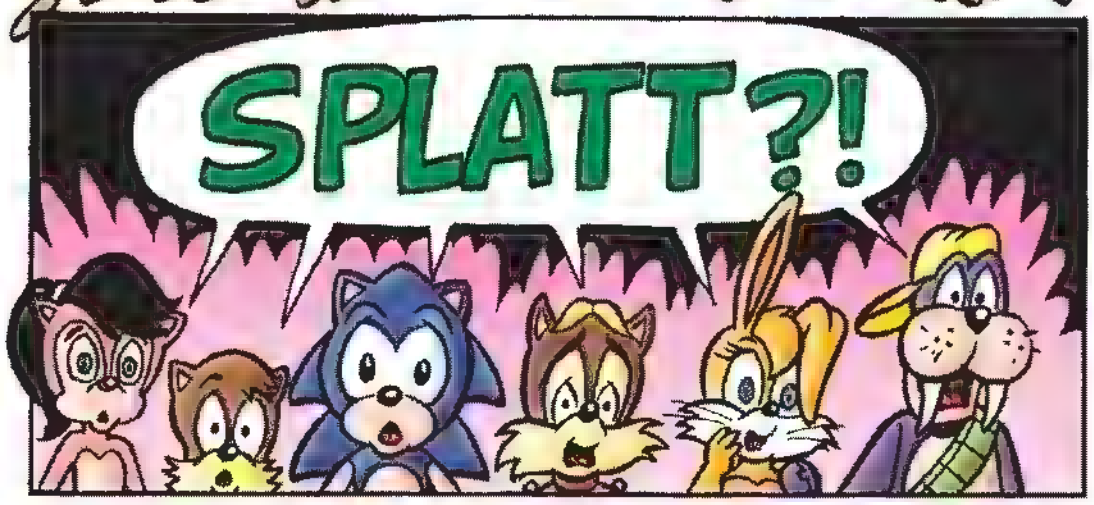
FOOOM!!

THAT MOON STRAIGHT AHEAD IS THE NEAREST, SONIC!
I SUPPOSE IT'S TOO LATE TO MENTION THAT I PREFER STRIPED MOONS TO POLKA-DOT ONES!
OH NO!!


IT'S NOT TOO LATE?
NO, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER FOR A SOFT LANDING!


HOLD ON TIGHT! WE'RE GONNA CRASH!!!

SPLATT!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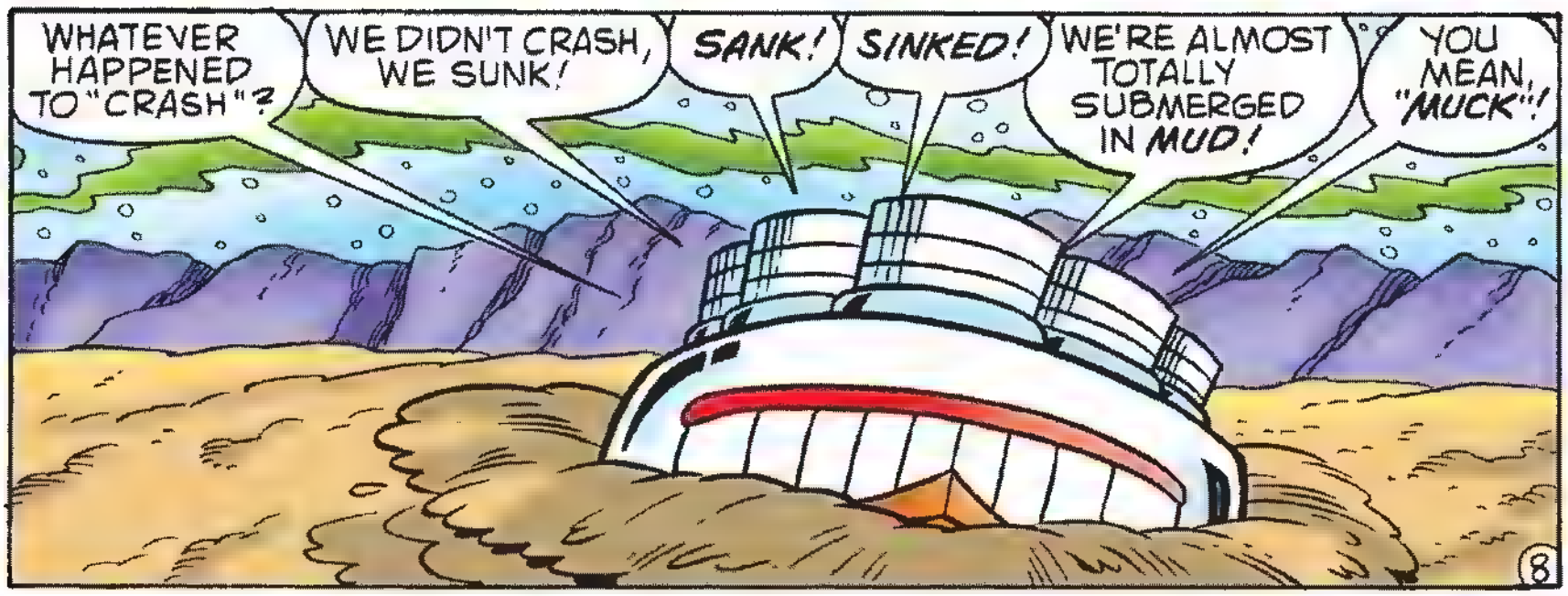
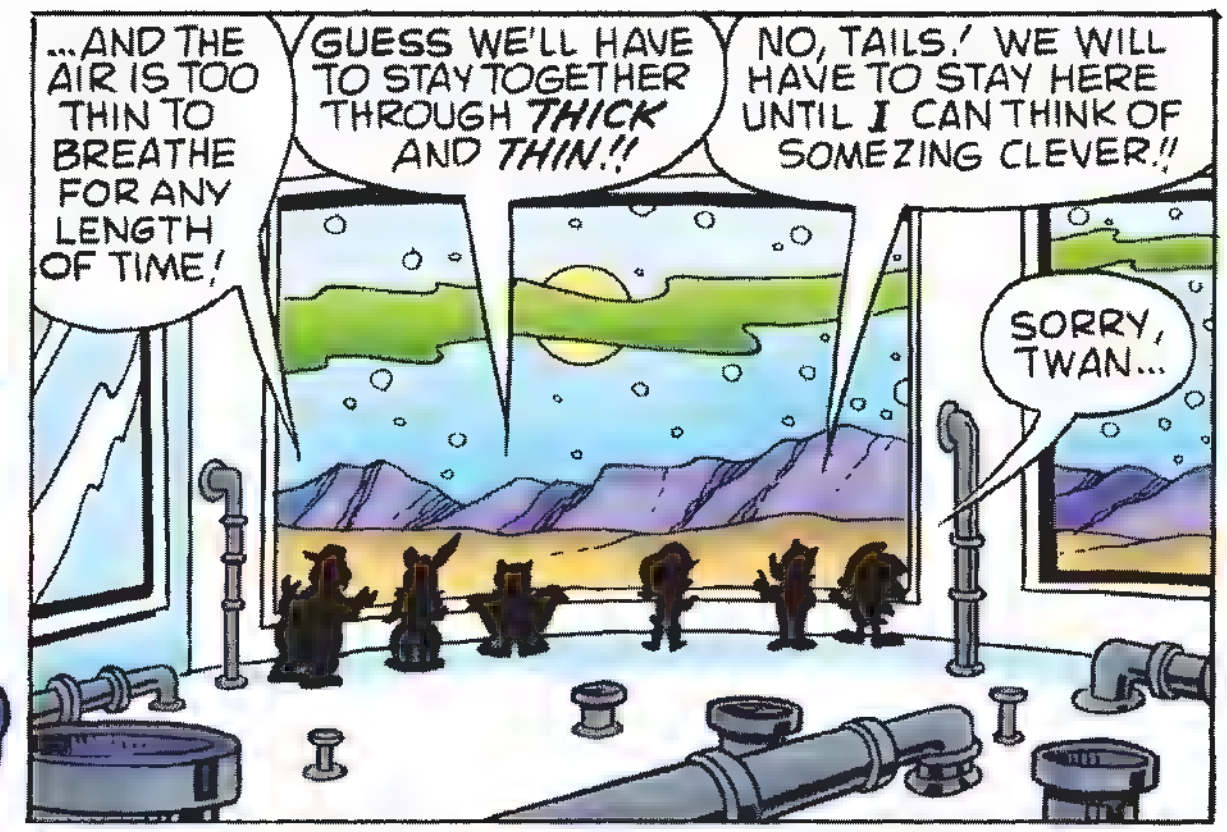
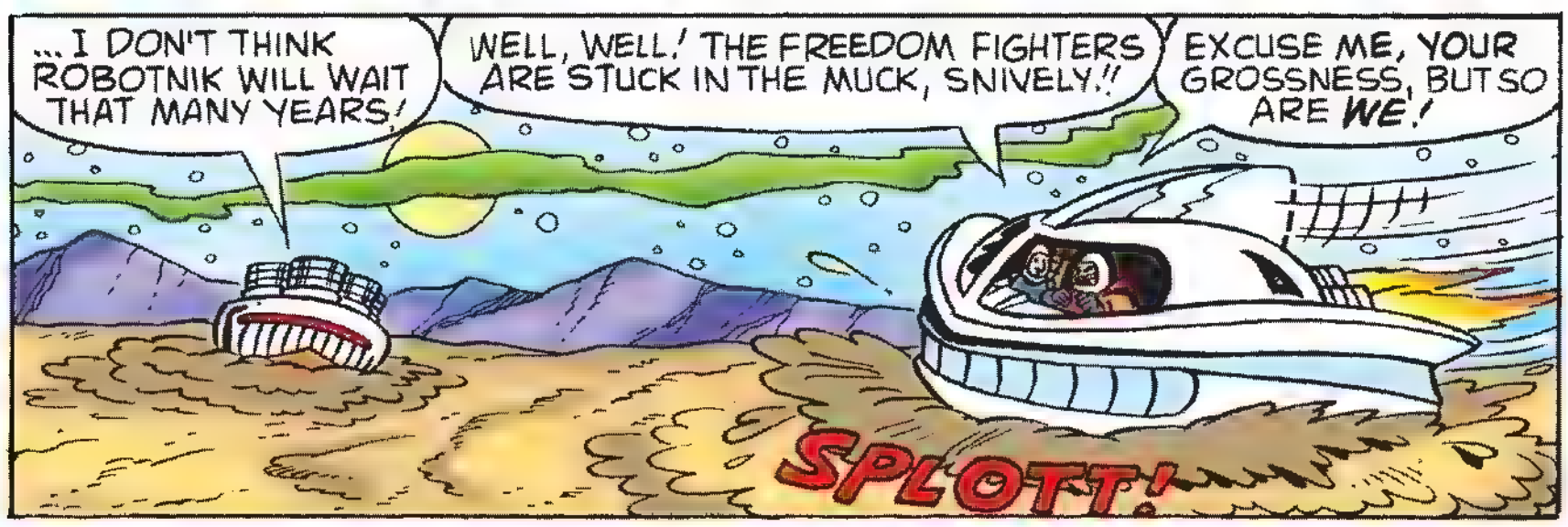
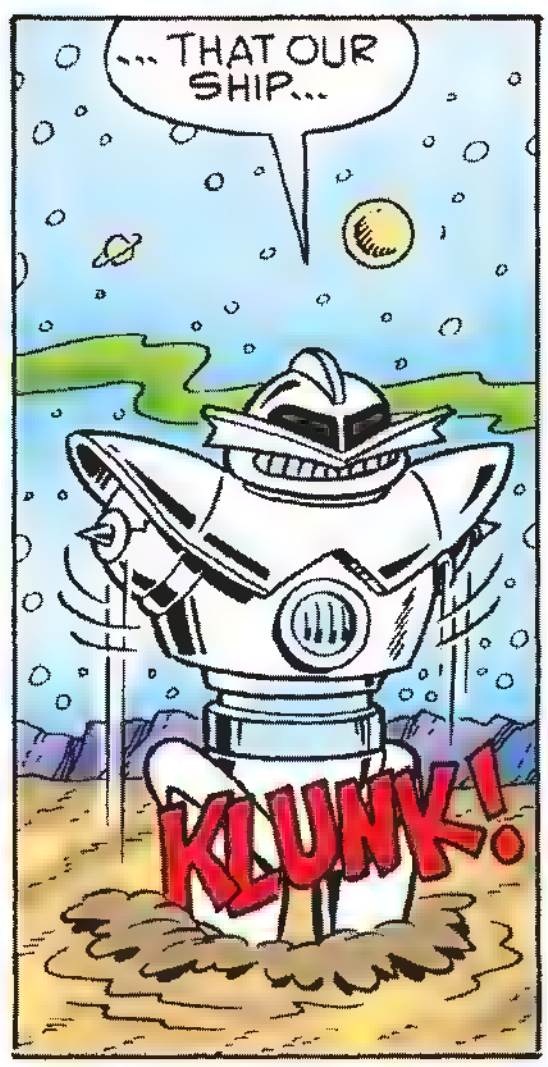

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO "CRASH"?
WE DIDN'T CRASH, WE SUNK!
SANK!
SINKED!
WE'RE ALMOST TOTALLY SUBMERGED IN MUD!
YOU MEAN, "MUCK"!

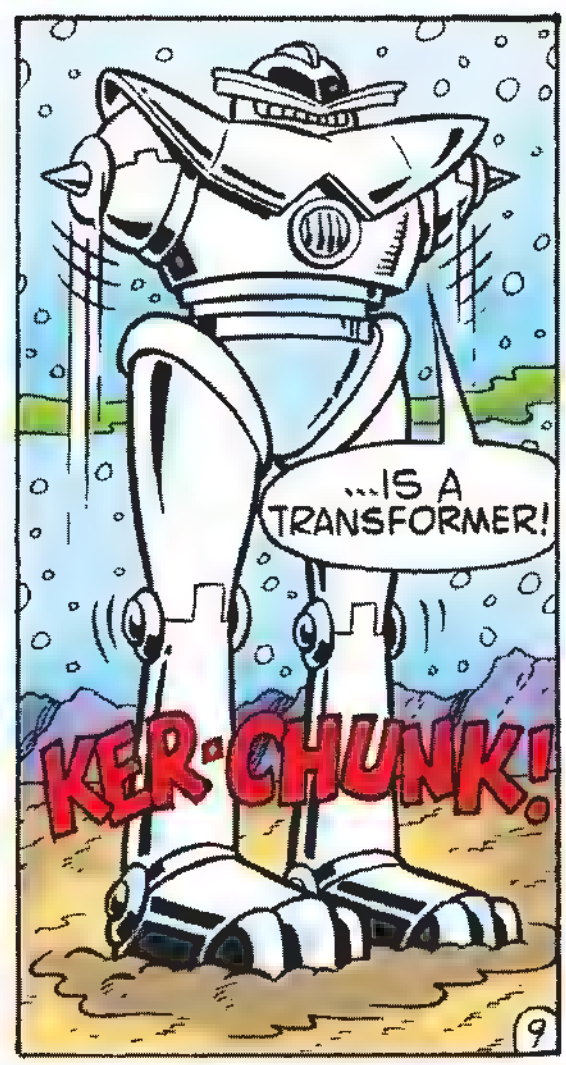
THIS MUST BE THE LEGENDARY MOON KNOWN AS "MUCKURY"! THE ENTIRE SURFACE IS COVERED WITH A THICK LAYER OF MUCK!!


...AND THE AIR IS TOO THIN TO BREATHE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME!
GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER THROUGH THICK AND THIN!!
NO, TAILS! WE WILL HAVE TO STAY HERE UNTIL I CAN THINK OF SOMEZING CLEVER!!
SORRY, TWAN...

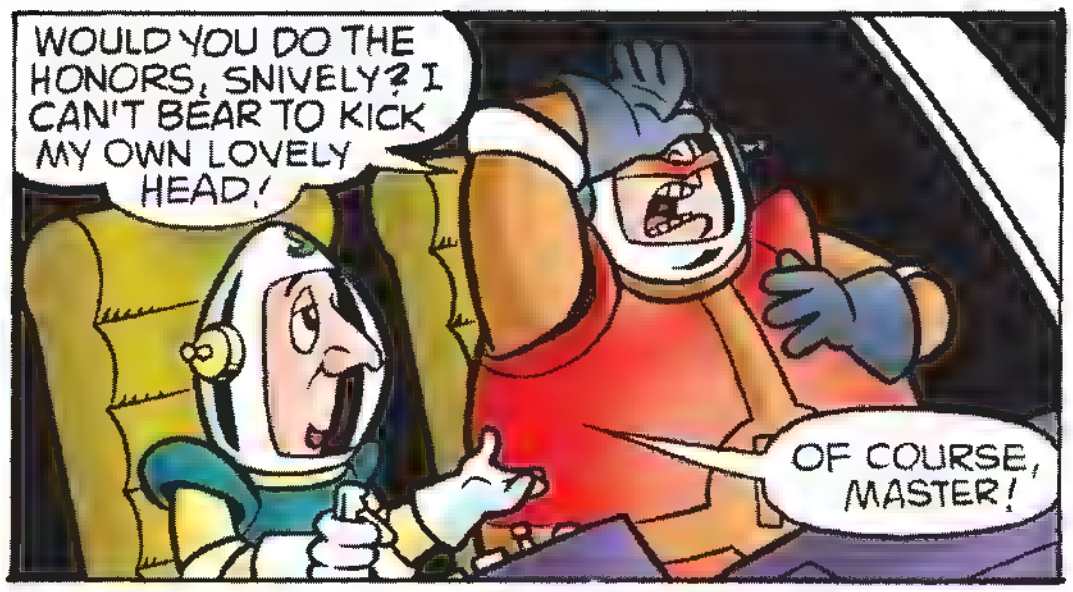

...I DON'T THINK ROBOTNIK WILL WAIT THAT MANY YEARS!
WELL, WELL! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE STUCK IN THE MUCK, SNIVELY!!
EXCUSE ME, YOUR GROSSNESS, BUT SO ARE WE!
SPLOTT!

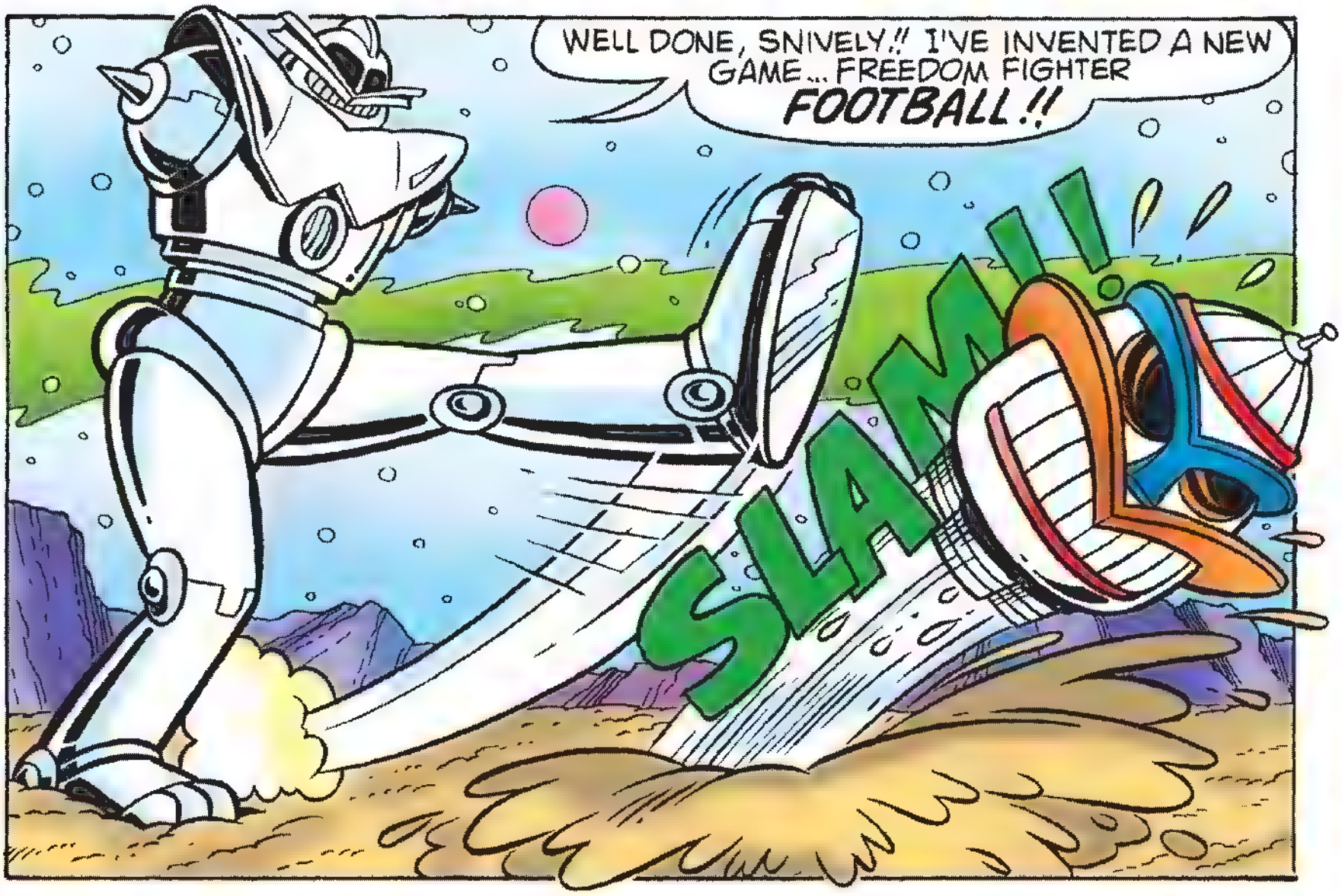
CORRECT, SNIVELY, BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING...
CLANK!

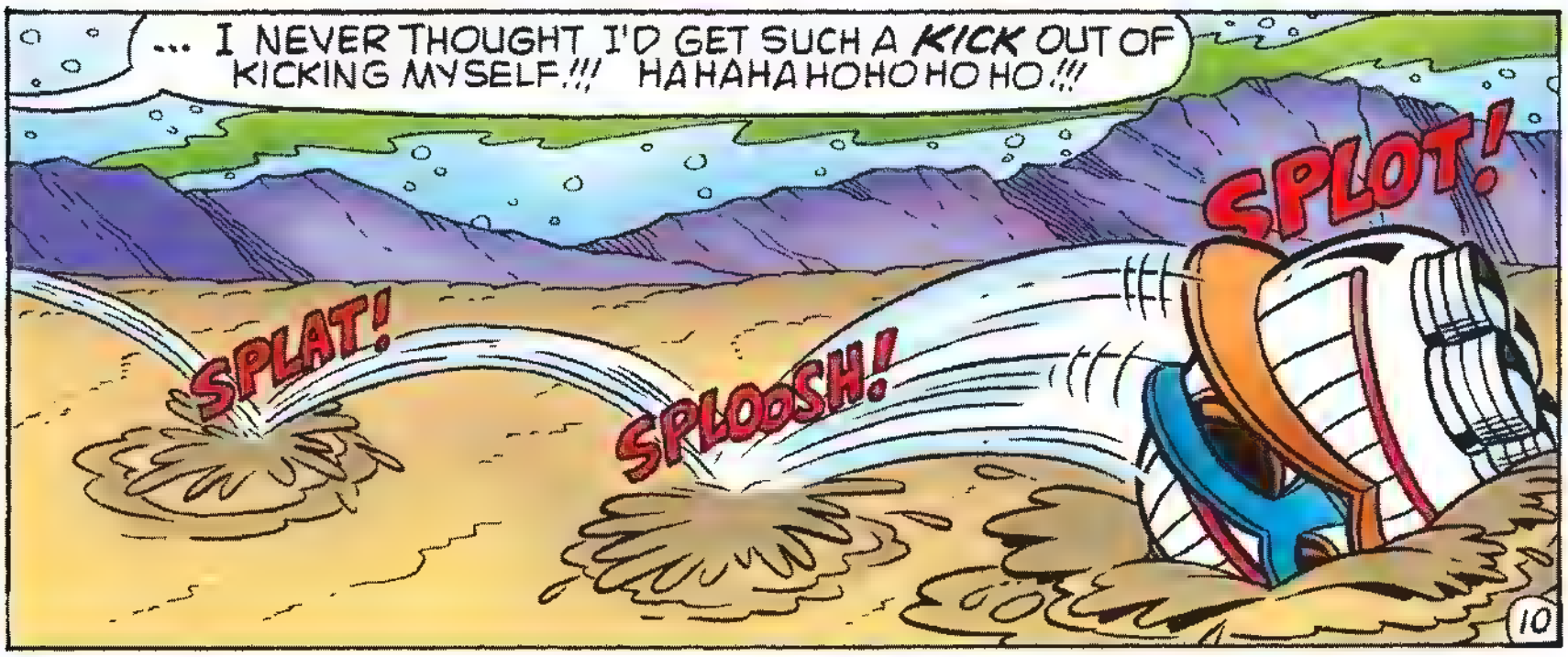

...THAT OUR SHIP...
KLUNK!

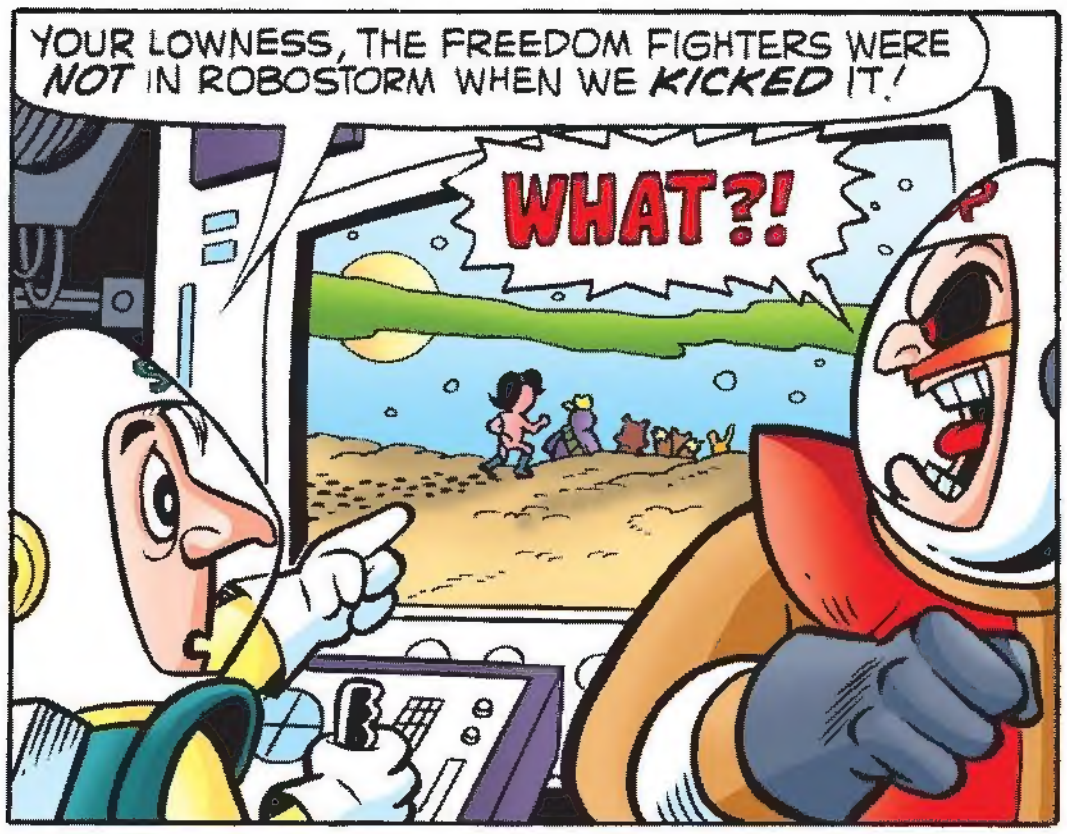

...IS A TRANSFORMER!
KER-CHUNK!

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FREE SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS FROM THE MUCK... WITH A HARD KICK!!

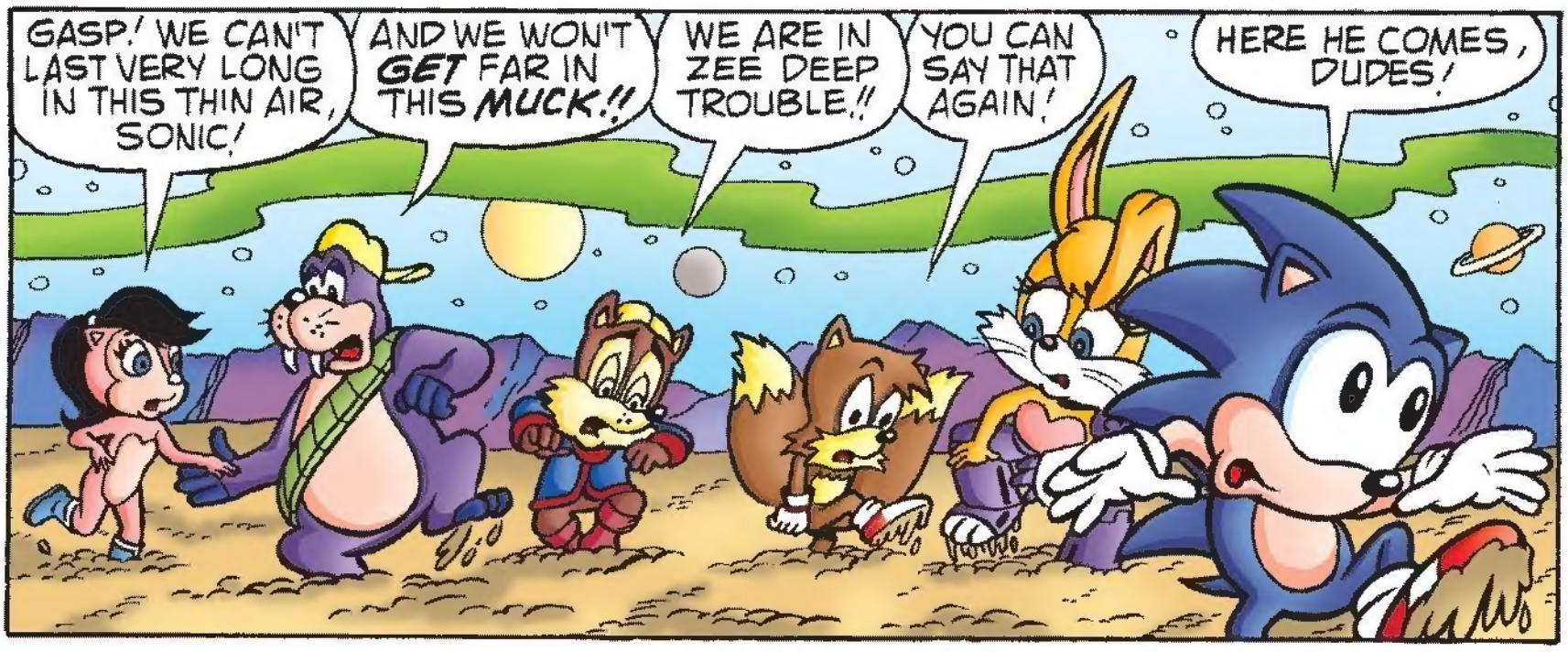

WOULD YOU DO THE HONORS, SNIVELY? I CAN'T BEAR TO KICK MY OWN LOVELY HEAD!
OF COURSE, MASTER!

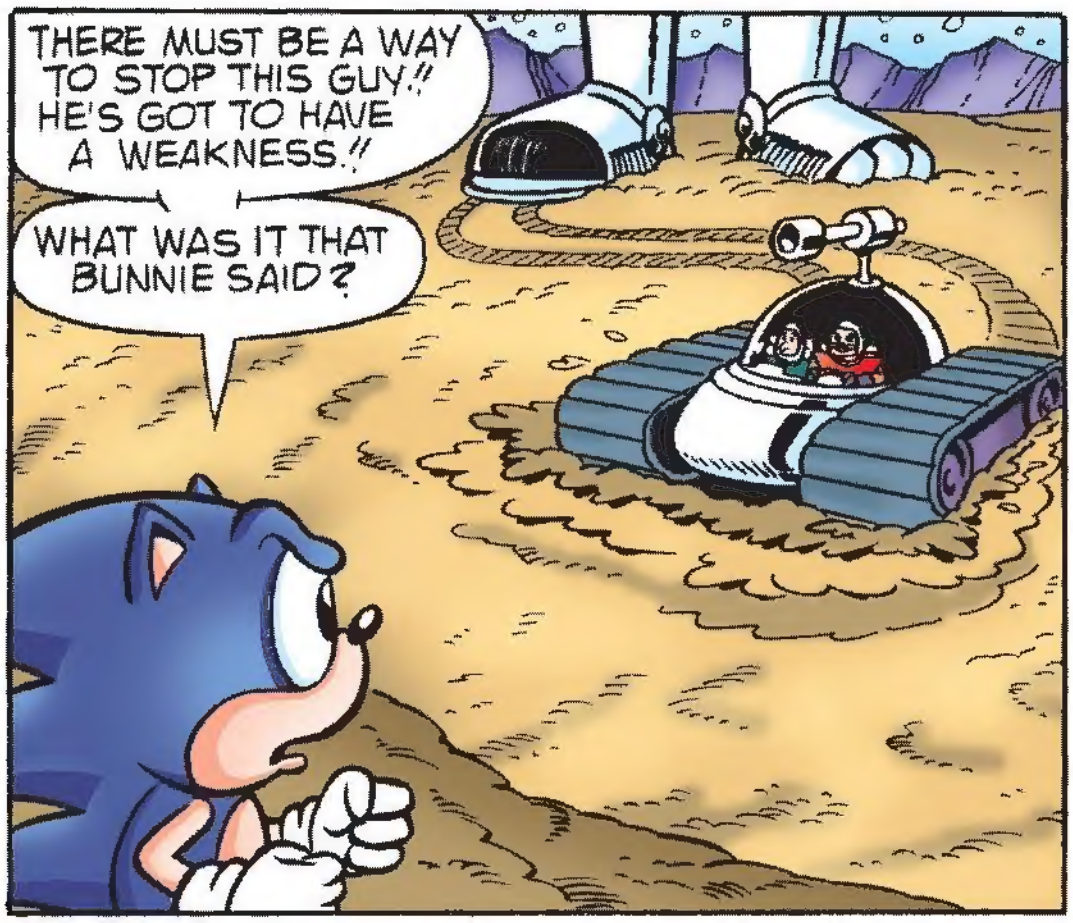

WELL DONE, SNIVELY!! I'VE INVENTED A NEW GAME... FREEDOM FIGHTER FOOTBALL!!
SLAM!!!


... I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET SUCH A KICK OUT OF KICKING MYSELF!!! HAHAHA HOHO HO HO!!!
SPLOT!
SPLAT!
SPLOOSH!


YOUR LOWNESS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE NOT IN ROBOSTORM WHEN WE KICKED IT!
WHAT?!

GET THEM!

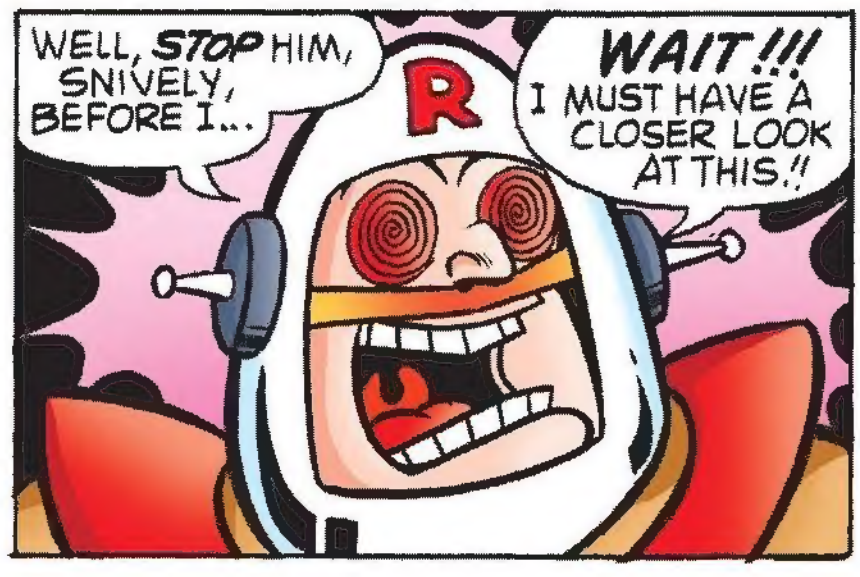

GASP! WE CAN'T LAST VERY LONG IN THIS THIN AIR, SONIC!
AND WE WON'T GET FAR IN THIS MUCK!!
WE ARE IN ZEE DEEP TROUBLE!!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
HERE HE COMES, DUDES!


THERE MUST BE A WAY TO STOP THIS GUY!! HE'S GOT TO HAVE A WEAKNESS!!
WHAT WAS IT THAT BUNNIE SAID?

ROBOTNIK REALLY LOVES HIMSELF! EVERYTHING HE BUILDS LOOKS LIKE HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT! IT WAS ON PAGE THREE!
YOU FORGOT PART ONE OF THIS STORY!

I HAVE JUST ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT FOR ONE LAST SUPER SONIC SPIN!!
WHIRR!!
WHIRR!!
WHIRRR!!!
WHIRR!

SNIVELY! WHAT IS THE HEDGEHOG DOIN'TO THAT MOUNTAIN OF MUSH?
HE APPEARS TO BE CHANGING ITS SHAPE, MASTER!


WELL, STOP HIM, SNIVELY, BEFORE I...
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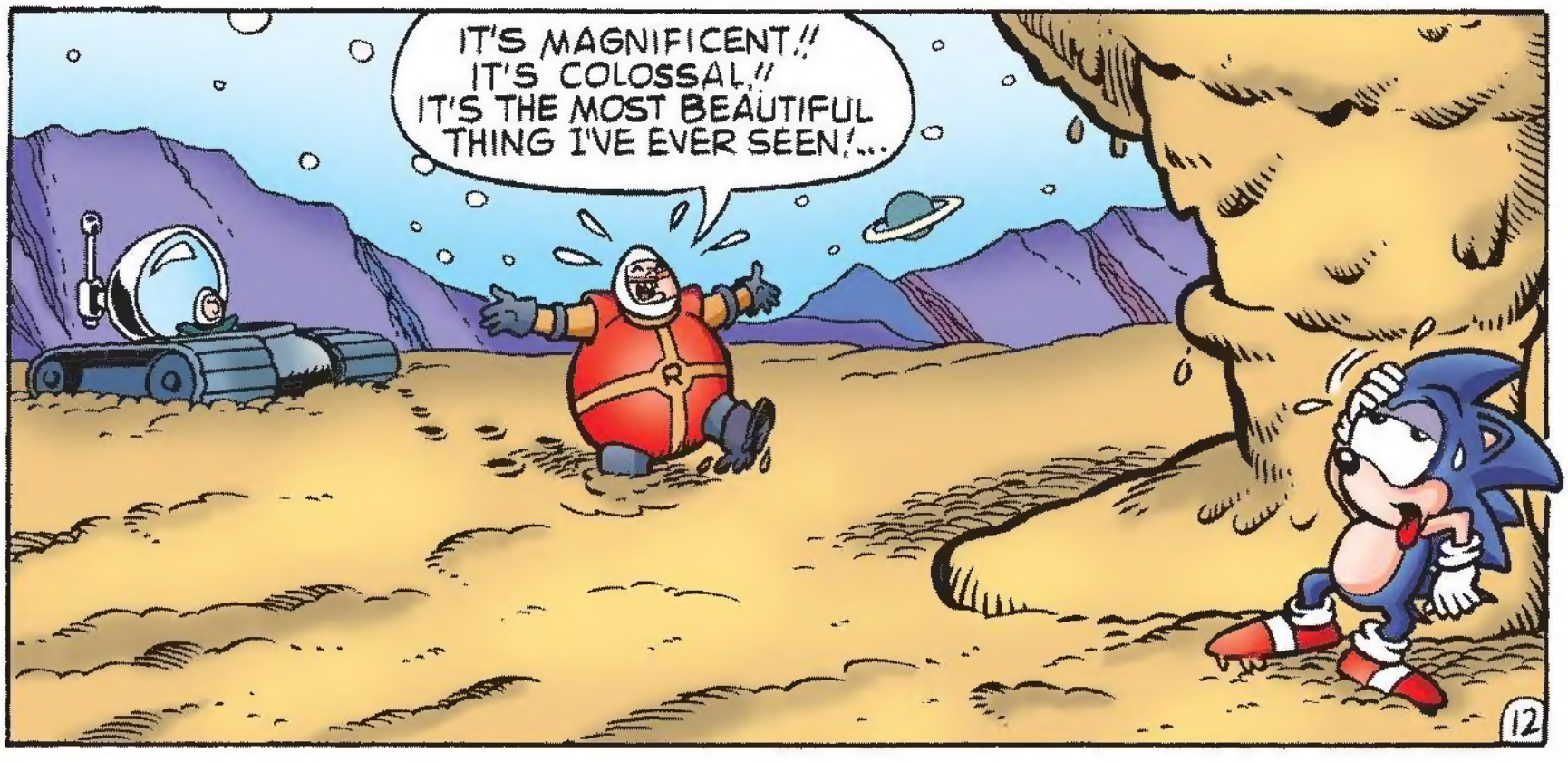
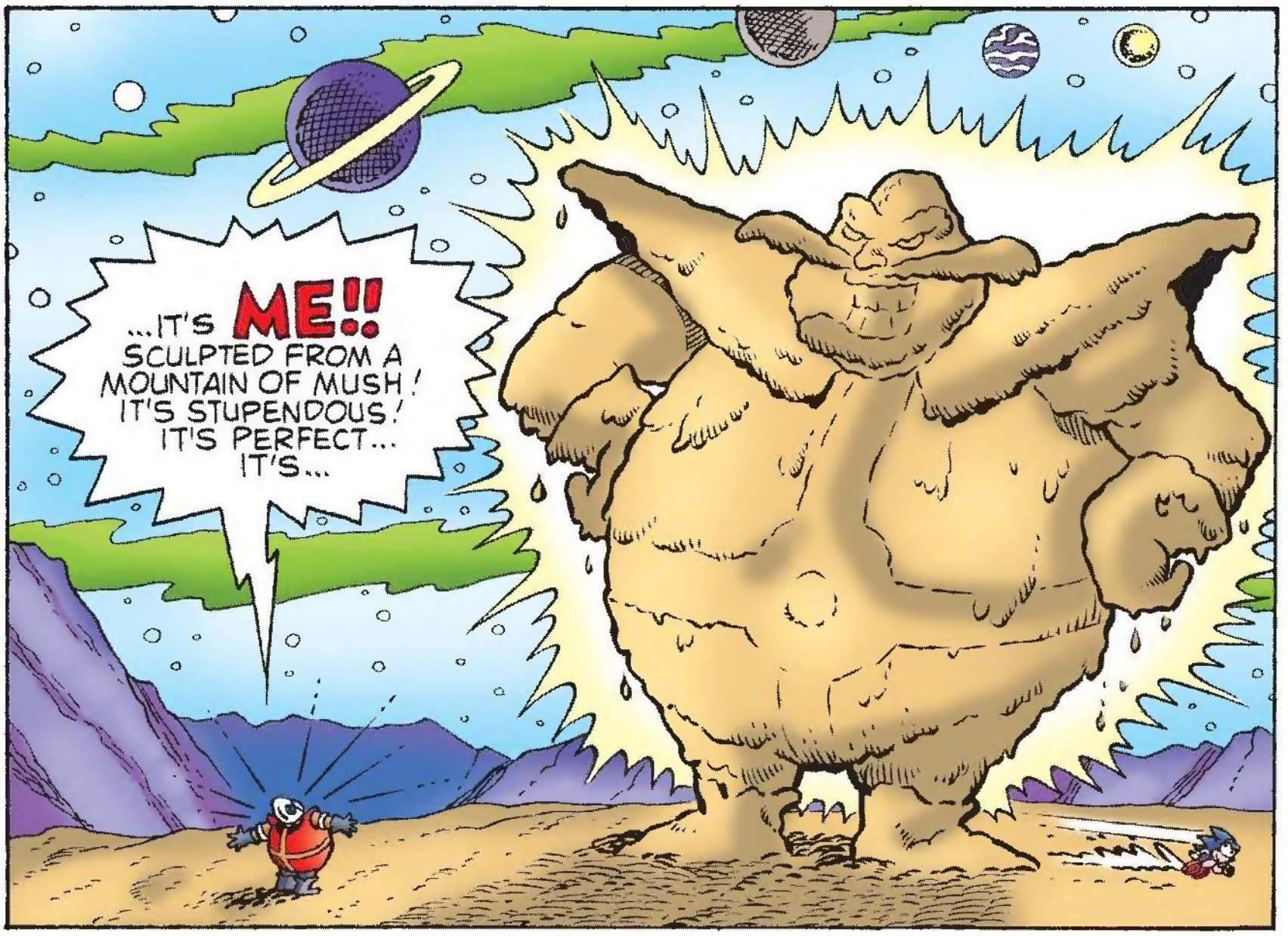
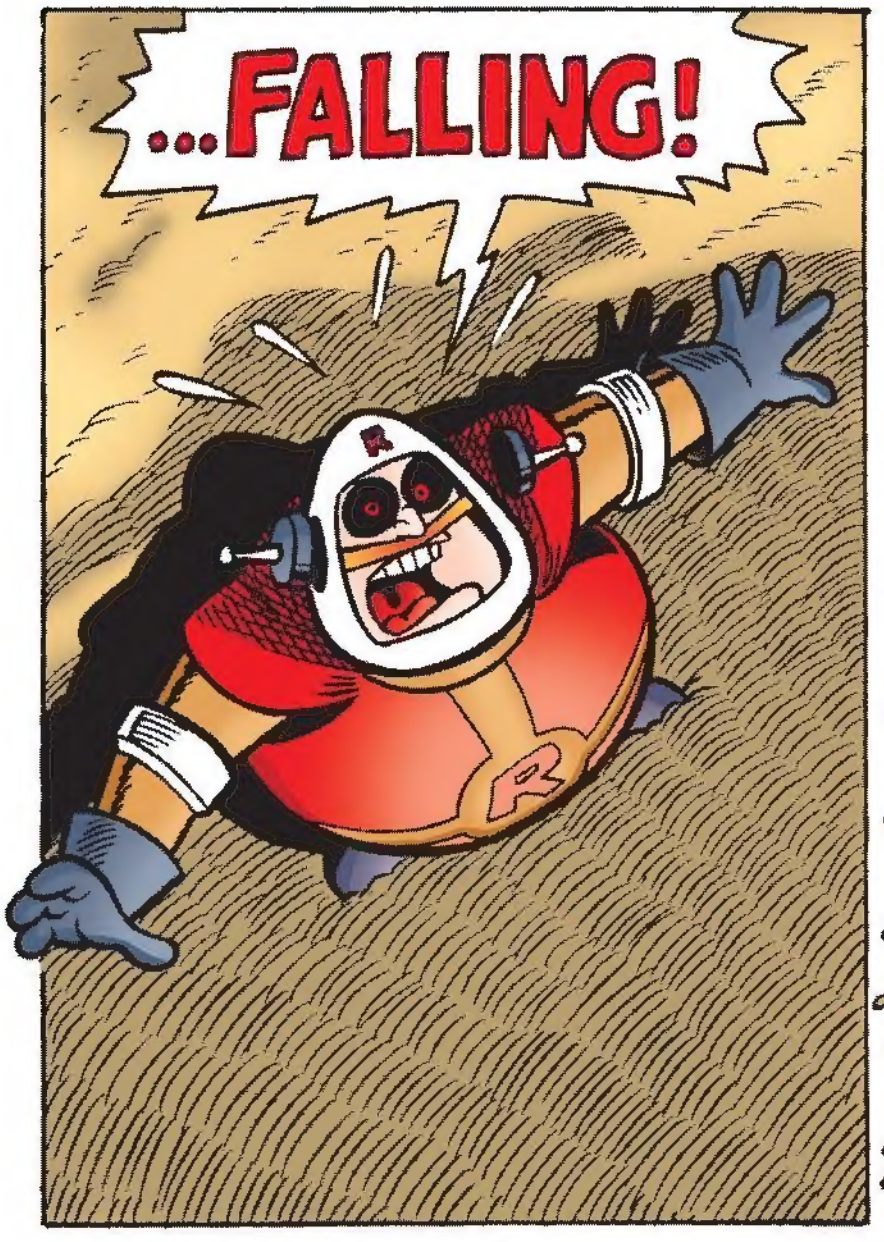
WAIT!!! I MUST HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS!!

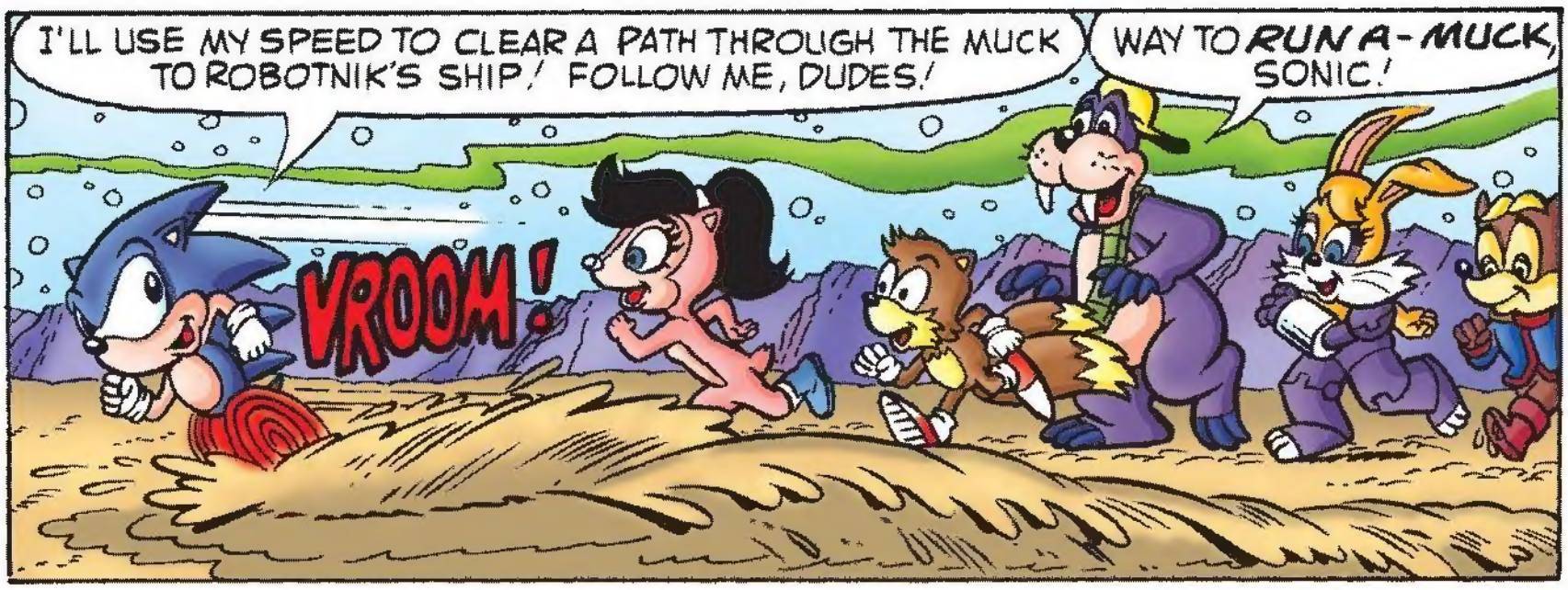

IT'S MAGNIFICENT!! IT'S COLOSSAL!! IT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I'VE EVER SEEN!...

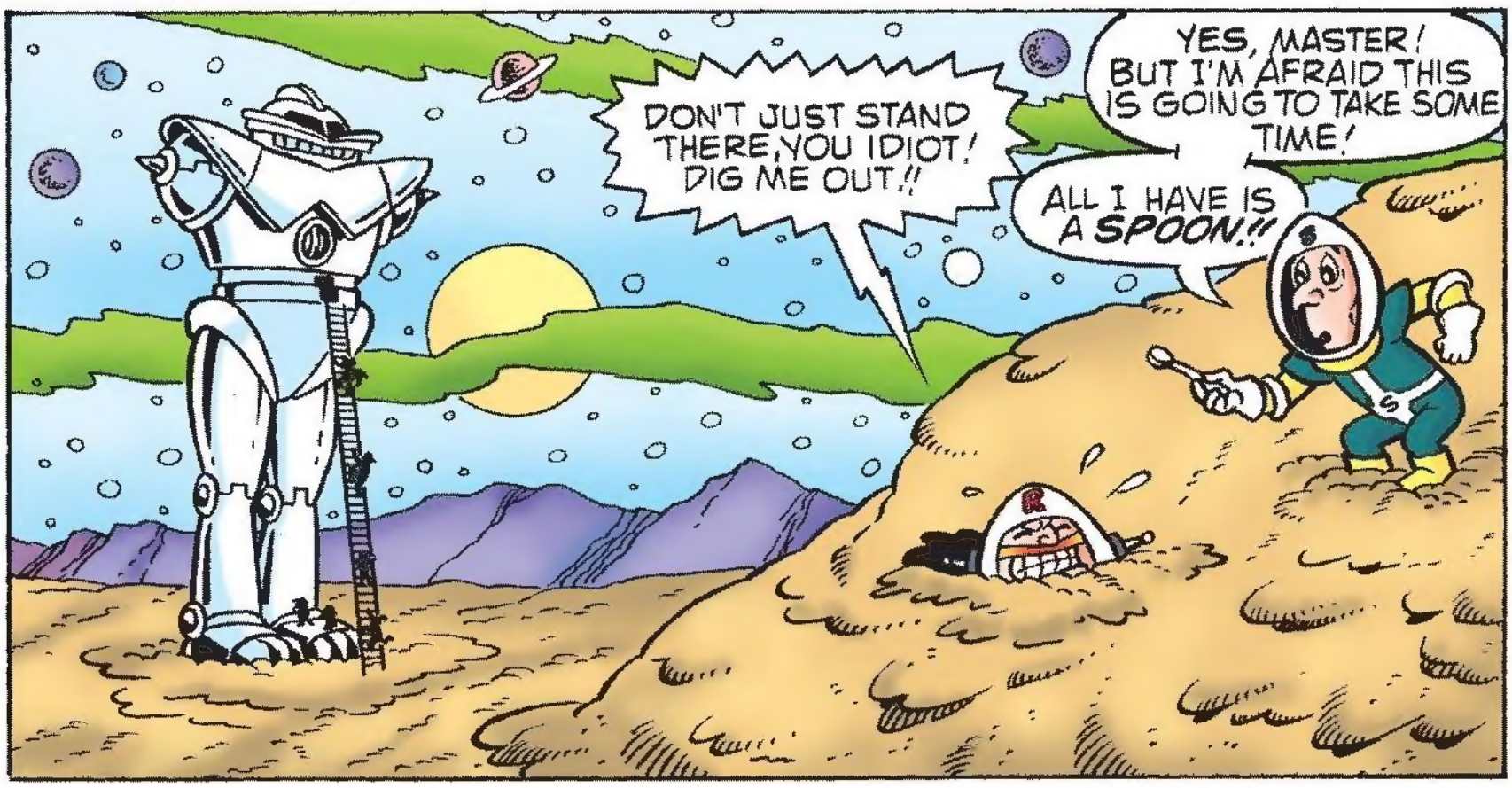

...IT'S ME!! SCULPTED FROM A MOUNTAIN OF MUSH! IT'S STUPENDOUS! IT'S PERFECT... IT'S...


...FALLING!

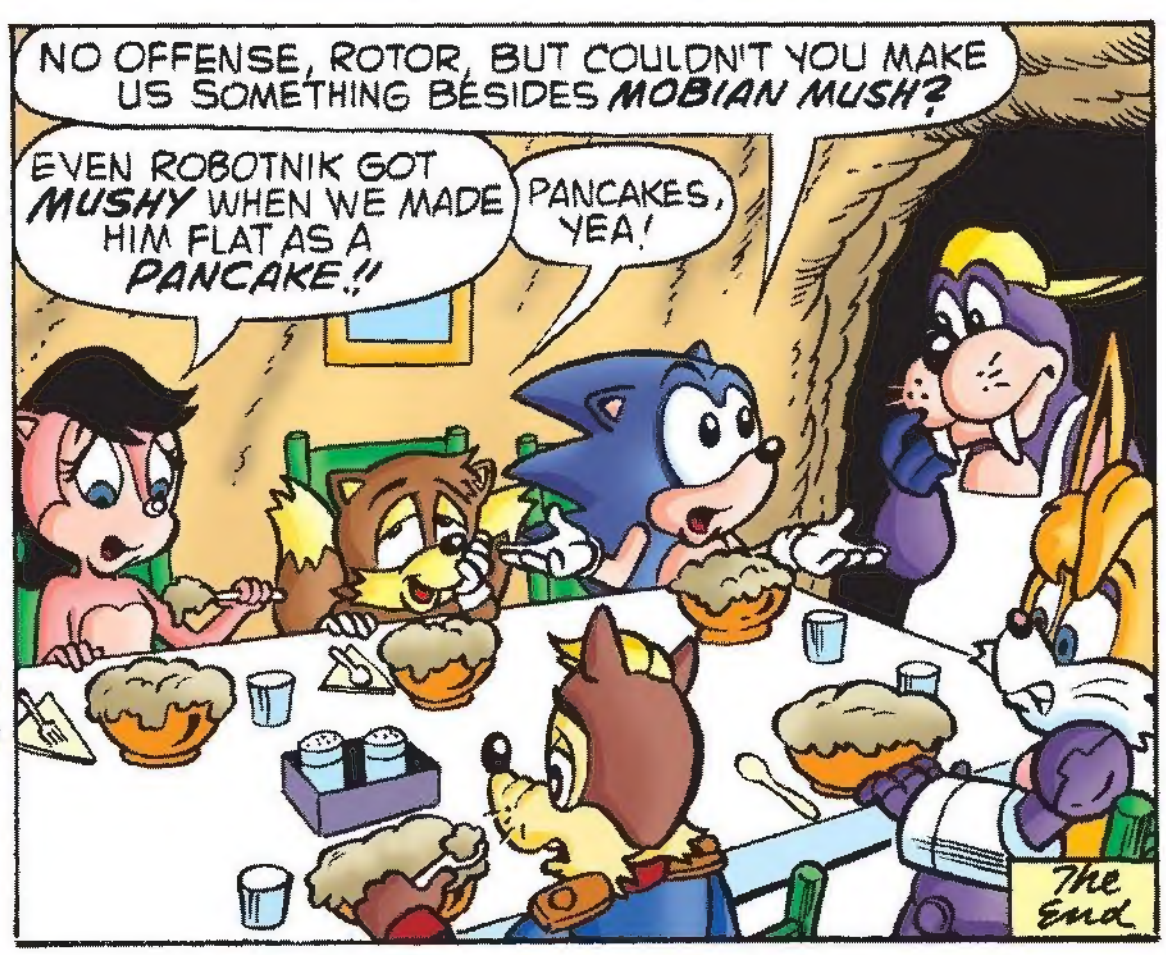
YAAAAHHH!!!

KER-SPLAT!


I'LL USE MY SPEED TO CLEAR A PATH THROUGH THE MUCK TO ROBOTNIK'S SHIP! FOLLOW ME, DUDES!
WAY TO RUN A-MUCK, SONIC!
VROOM!


DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU IDIOT! DIG ME OUT!!
YES, MASTER! BUT I'M AFRAID THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME!
ALL I HAVE IS A SPOON!!

NEXT DAY...
I WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE TO COOK THIS SPECIAL BREAKFAST! WHY ISN'T ANYONE HUNGRY??


NO OFFENSE, ROTOR, BUT COULDN'T YOU MAKE US SOMETHING BESIDES MOBIAN MUSH?
EVEN ROBOTNIK GOT MUSHY WHEN WE MADE HIM FLAT AS A PANCAKE!!
PANCAKES, YEA!
The End